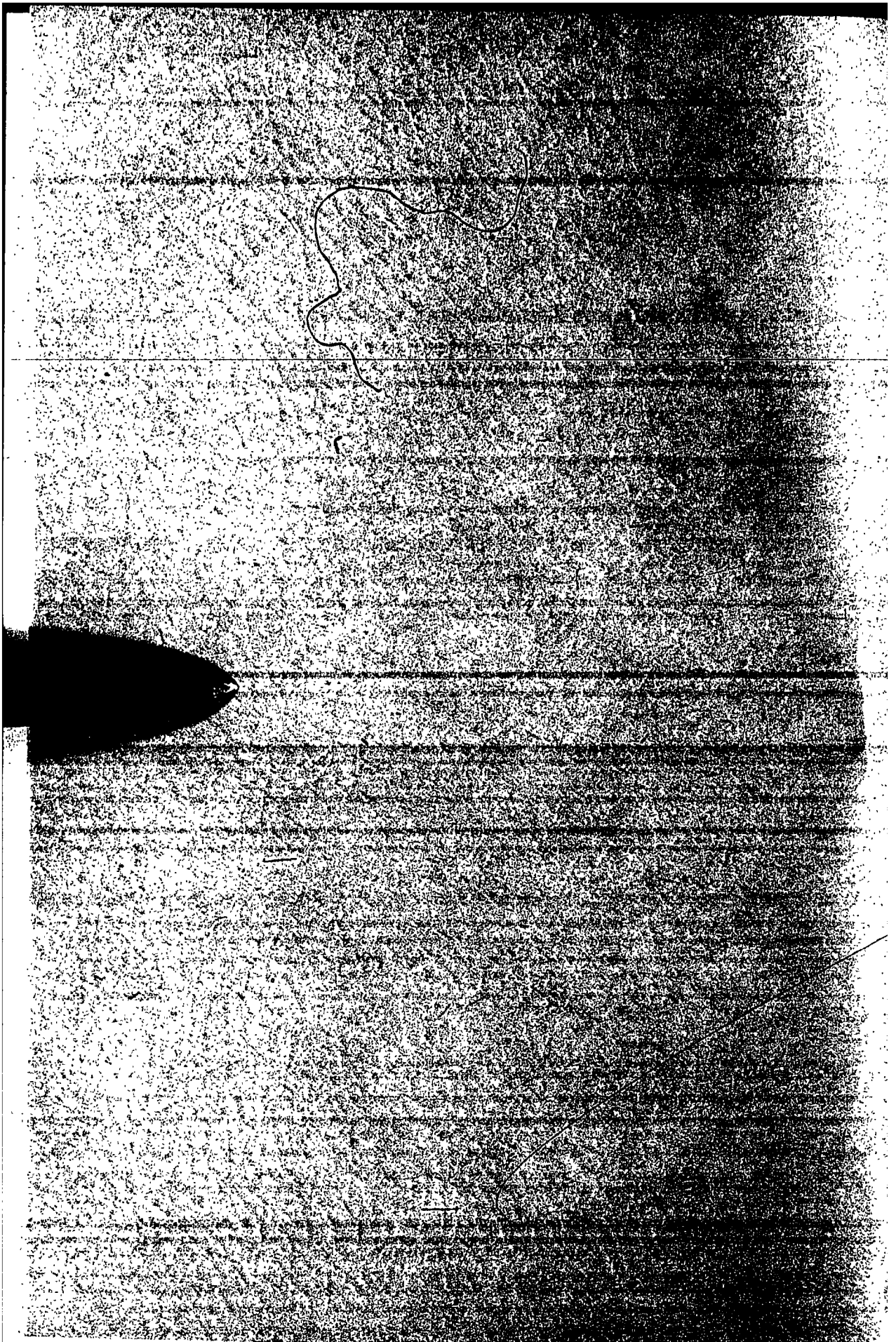


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The Viking Ship



Red River Cart, sometimes used for transportation in the early days.

# INNGANGSORÐ

KARA BYRONS sveitarroddvita  
á landnáms hátíðinni að Lundar

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Living Poem, by Longfellow, still applies: "Act is long and time is fleeting," therefore, I shall not take much time, knowing that we have a long, and I will say: very good program for this day, that we have selected men to give entertainment, but I am pleased to have an opportunity to say a few words, and to bid you all a hearty welcome.

Some of the speeches will be in the Icelandic language, and there-



KARI BYRON

fore, not understood by all, they will convey similar explanation about the progress made by the pioneers, and settlers, up to the present time, giving some details about how the people of many nationalities worked together as good brothers and sisters, which was the real foundation for their success, and I wish, hope and trust, that the same dignity and happiness will continue in future until, not only the peoples of this part of the country, but of all Canada will speak and understand the same language making the desired progress, in peace and harmony, which means, that we shall live: "For the cause that lacks assistance, the wrong that needs resistance for the future in the distance, and the good that we can do," and now just a few words in Icelandic:

Mér er það sérstakt ánægjufni, að bjóða ykkur öll hjartanlega velkomin hingað í dag; — þetta gleðimót er vel til þess fallið, að minna okkur hina yngri á þá braut risavaxinna framfara, sem feður okkar og mæður lögðu grundvöllinn að; braut þeirra sjálfra var oft grýtt og þyrnum stráð; viljakraftur þeirra var ómótstæðilegur, og það var engu líkara en þeim yxi ásmegin við hverja raun, og þess vegna gengu flestir sigrandi af hólmi.

Það á ekki við, að eg verði langorður, því hér eru mælskumenn og

skáld, sem flytja munu okkur mikinn fróðleik, og hvetja til drengskapar og dáða; og nú ætla eg að lesa tvö erindi, sem vinur minn Ágúst Magnússon stakk að mér áðan, er eg hygg að lýsi all-nákvæmlega hugsunum margra, sem hér eru viðstaddir í dag:

Tími er að minnast á landnemans leiðir,  
er lífskröftum fórnaði, en tapaði ei móð;  
nýlögðu vegirnir voru ekki greiðir,  
vöntun, og margt, sem að tálmanir hlóð.  
En geymd voru orðin: "Aldrei að víkja",  
innfluttur drengskapur festi hér rót.  
Í alþjóða kapphlaupi sízt vildu svíkja  
sóknjarfar hetjur, hver drengur og snót.

Sú minning er blandin söknuði sárum,  
sundraður hópur, stórt komið skarð;  
fylking vor þynnist með fjölgandi árum,  
forlaga dómi því hlýða hver varð.  
En svo koma aðrir, sem eyðurnar fylla,  
öflugri, menntaðri, drengur og fljóð.  
Því skulum við hugglöð strengi svo stilla  
að stefni til sigurs hin íslenska þjóð.

## Greeting from Dr. August Blondal

Chairman, Lundar Diamond Jubilee Committee,  
Lundar, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

My wife and I lived in the Lundar district for several years, and feel that we are entitled to send this brief note of tribute to the memory of the pioneers who did the spadework and paved the way for the prosperous community you enjoy today.

True, I was not a pioneer in your district, but it was my privilege and duty to come in contact, more or less intimately with many of the true pioneers. I had many opportunities to observe, admire and even marvel at the courage, endurance and faith which these early settlers showed. We cherish fond memories of the years we spent, lived and worked with you, and we cherish and value most highly the many fine friends we made, and who have remained faithful through the years. May the descendants of these early settlers, truly of Viking stock, carry the torch to future progress, prosperity and happiness for your fine community.

Although I am unable to be with you in person on this memorable occasion, I am with you in spirit.

Sincerely yours,

ÁGÚST BLÖNDAL, M.D.

# Lundar Community Gathering—July 6, 1947

By **HON. J. C. DRYDEN**  
Minister of Education in Manitoba



**HON. J. C. DRYDEN**

It is my privilege to bring to this Lundar gathering today the sincere compliments of our Government and to extend to your committee and to the people of this community the best of wishes for future happiness and success as individuals and as a group held together by high ideals and a common heritage. This opportunity permits me to express also my own personal thoughts hoping they will convey the high mutual regard we, meaning all Canadians, hold for each other. A gathering of this character builds up confidence in our ability to create in this Canadian land a Canadian people which will be a race united in the truest sense. — Nation-building is an immense and fascinating enter-

prise. It moves forward by reason of very simple, common, every-day impulses. It is not on the flag-bedecked platforms or in glaring spreads in the newspapers that it gains its real strength but in the minds and hearts of individual people who have set themselves earnestly to the cause of establishing themselves in the land they have chosen, just as you have done. The people from Iceland brought with them a rich treasure of heritage and tradition. They unreservedly contributed of the best of their racial qualities to the social structure of this their new home land. True citizenship means more than becoming naturalized and having a name recorded as an eligible voter. It means accepting responsibility as community members, of free outright participation in all the affairs of the community; it means giving of time and study to the advancement of worthy causes in the public interest.

With a background possessing the elemental soundness that yours does, the contribution you have made and are still making to the building up of the Canadian nation is a most worthy one. It is, therefore, fitting that on occasions such as this, this fact be acknowledged and due tribute offered to the people of Icelandic origin.



vitnisburð að Íslendingar eru kjarkmikil og kjarngóð þjóð, og að það er heiðursheiti að bera nafnið: Íslendingur.

En nú er ný kynslóð fram komin, og forustan í málum sveitarinnar mun að mestu fallin í hennar hendur. Hún uppsker þar sem feðurnir sáðu. Vér vitum ekki hvað framtíðin ber í skauti sínu. En vér óskum þess að þessi sveit megi blómgastræ meir, og að manndómur feðranna, sem hér hafa lagt svo traustar stöðir undir framtíð komandi kynslóða megi ganga að erfðum til niðja þeirra um ókomin ár. Þjóðræknisfélag Íslendinga í Vesturheimi þakkar hinum látnu Birkibeinum þessarar sveitar brautryðjanda starf þeirra, og óskar bygðarmönnum öllum til hamingju með daginn, og alla dagana sem þeir verja til framfara og farsældar þessari fögru sveit.

## Greeting from Bjorn Stefansson

Carman, Man., 4th July, 1947

H. E. Johnson, Esq.,

Lundar, Man.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to thank you and your committee for the kind invitation sent to me to be one of the guests of honour at the colonization anniversary (60th) of Alftavatns and Grunnavatns settlements.

It is a matter of deep regret to me that I shall not be able to attend, but I do feel that no better representatives of the old settlement could have been chosen than Paul Reykdal and Skuli Sigfusson. Albert has also a special connection with both settlements that fits him preeminently for his allotted part in your celebration.

Johnny Sigurdsson (Geysir) was also a young lad who bore some of the early pioneering burdens.

Svein Gudmundsson has also done his share of hard work.

Jo. Halldorson and Dalli Lindal were also young men who labored well.

To all these and hundreds long since gone to their last home the settlements owe much.

It is not so many years ago — less than 20 years in any case, that those two settlements had about as many of their former young people graduated from the University of Manitoba as the rest of the Icelandic settlements in Manitoba put together.

Thanks again for your kindness, I am,

Yours very truly,

BJORN STEFANSSON



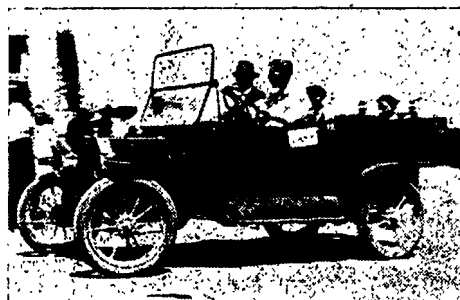
General View of the Parade



Joy Riding in 1903



Covered Wagon Before the Turn  
of the Century



Ford Car, 1914

# *Lundar District from 1887 to 1947*

By PAUL REYKDAL

(This speech was prepared from memory and delivered without any notes)

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Lundar district from 1887 to 1947 is the subject today. In trying to give you a short resumé of the settling



Paul Reykdal

in this district, some of the trials and tribulations of the old pioneers, activities, achievements, and progress in the district over a period of sixty years I have to depend on memory entirely as there are not any statistics on the

subject; and as this gathering is a sixty-year anniversary of the Icelandic settlement in the district I will confine my remarks largely to the Icelandic settlers, with a special reference to all the old pioneers who were located here in 1887. When I refer to the district, and the people in the district, I am referring to all the people in the district. I may err in dates, locations, and I may have forgotten some of the old-timers, particularly those that were here in 1887 and have moved away before I came here two years later.

In May, 1887, John Sigfusson made homestead entry on the S.W. quarter of 30-19-4 W. He brought his wife Anna and two daughters, Kristiana and Juliana out to his homestead that summer. (Sigfus, Johanna, and Olöf were born in this district). So John is recognized as the first Iclander to settle here. The next one was Henrik Jonsson, then a bachelor, who settled on the N.E. of 36-19-5. The third one, I am told, was Einar Kristjanson, his wife Gudrun, two sons, Helgi and Kristjan, and a daughter Katrin, S.W. 36-19-5.

During the summer of 1887 several families came from Iceland and settled here, among them Sigfus Sveinsson, his wife, Olöf, their son Skuli, and daughter Sigridur, and they sttled with John Sigfusson. In 1896 Skuli took up the N.W. quarter of 16-19-5, where he has lived ever since. Halldor Halldorson, his wife Kristin, sons Johann and Halldor, daughters Margaret, Gudrun, Maria and Halldora, settled on the N.W. of 36-19-5. Salome, Kristjan, and Margrave were born here, Jón Sigurd-

son, his wife Bjorg, son John, and brother Sigurdur, settled on the south half of 34-19-5. Jon Metusalemson, and his wife Stefania, took up the name of Mathews and settled on the S.E. quarter of 36-19-5. There were five boys and one girl: Adalbjorg, Barney, Sigurdur, John, Metusalem, and Steve. Ranka was born in the district. Johann and Gunnar Thorbergson took up the name of Oddson and settled on the south half of 12-20-5 with their mother, Gudbjorg, two sisters, Ingibjorg and Thorbjorg, and nephew Arni. These are the Icelandic settlers of 1887. Of these there are living today: Juliana Sigfusson; now Mrs. Johnson; Skuli Sigfusson; his sister Sigridur, now Mrs. Sigurdson; Jon Sigurdson, Geysir; Gudrun and Maria Halldorson, now Mrs. Linniker and Mrs. Cassleman; Barney Mathews; Helgi Einarson, now living at Lake Winnipeg; and Arni, nephew of the Thorbergson brothers, now living in the United States.

In 1888 Jon Valdimar, his wife and two daughters, settled on the N.E. 14-20-5. His brother Pall—called Glimu Pall, and properly so—another brother Thorstein Gauti. They did not take up land. Olafur Thorlacius, his wife Gudrun, son John, and father Helgi, settled on the N.E. of 12-20-5. Gudmundur Einarson and family settled on the S.E. of 6-20-4. Bjarni Kristjansson, his wife and son, lived with Gudmundur Einarson. Jon Matiasson and wife, S.W. of 2-20-5. His son, Snæbjorn Jonsson, with his wife Ingibjorg, sons Tryggvi and Gudmundur, and one daughter Gudrun, S.E. of 2-20-5; Astradur, a brother, died in the Yukon in 1901. Sveinn, another brother, later took up the S.W. quarter of 10-20-5. Sigurdur Sigurdson, his mother Helga, lived with Jon Matiasson for a time and in 1896 took up the S.E. quarter of 16-19-5, where he has lived ever since.

There are three men in this district that have lived on their homesteads more than fifty years. They are: Skuli Sigfusson; Sigurdur Sigurdson, and John Lindal. Magnus Freeman, his wife Helga, son Asmundur, daughter Petrina, settled on the S. W. quarter of 35-19-5, now called Laufás. Gudmundur Nordal, his wife Guðny and son John, N.E. of 16-20-5. Fridbjorn Oddson, his son Sigursteinn and wife Augusta, daughter Gudrun, S.E. of 16-20-5.

In the fall of 1888 my brother John came out here, took up the N.W. quarter of 4-20-5 and my father homesteaded the N.E. quarter, but we did not move out here until 1889. Of the 1888 settlers there are living today Sigurdur Sigurdson; Tryggvi and Gudmundur, sons of Snæbjorn Johnson; Asmundur Freeman, of Gypsumville; Petrina Freeman, now Mrs. John Bergthorson; John Thorlacius, living west of Ashern; Gudny Nordal and John Nordal now living at Langruth.

In 1889 came Hogni Gudmundson, his wife Gudny, brother Eirikur, N.E. 34-19-5. Bjorn Jonsson, his wife Gudrun, sons Paul and John, N.E. 28-19-5. Jon Helgason, N.E. 30-19-4. Monica Jonasson, with her two daughters, Kristin and Svanhildur, kept house for him. Oddur Jonsson, his wife and two sons—Theodore was one of them—N.W. 30-19-4. Isleifur Runolfson, his wife Gudrun, sons Thorstein and Runolfur, and daughter Sigridur, S.E. 10-20-5. Eirikur Magnusson his wife Gudrun, S.E. 22-20-5. Julius Eriksson, N.W. 22-20-5. Of the 1889 settlers there are living today Paul and John Johnson; Kristin Jonasson, now Mrs. Halldorson; Theodore Oddson; Runolfur Isleifson; and myself.

In 1890 came Bergthor Jonsson, his wife Vilhelmina, daughter Bjorg, son

John, S.E. 4-20-5. Arni Jonsson, his wife Emma, her mother Steinun, S.W. of 4-20-5. Stefan Bjornsson, his wife Gudridur, and son Bjorn, N.E. 22-19-5. Gudmundur Bjarnasson, his wife Eyolfina, son Stefan, daughter Inga, S.E. 22-19-5. Pjetur Runolfson, his wife Palina, S.W. 22-20-5. Johann Thorsteinsson, his wife Steinun, sons Sigfus and John, daughters Sofia and Erika, N.E. 22-20-5. Gisli Olafsson, his wife Gudrun, daughter Olof, son Olafur, S.W. 18-20-4. I think Boas and Jensina were born in the district. Of the 1890 settlers there are living today Bjorg and John Bergthorson; Emma, widow of Arni Jonsson; Bjorn Stefannson; Sigfus and John Johannson; Sofia Johannson, now Mrs. Johnson; Erika Johannson, now Mrs. Dalman; Gisli and Gudrun Olafson. Olof Olafson, now Mrs. Hallson; and Oli Olafson.

I will not go any further in enumerating date of arrival and locations. It would take too long and I may err, but there are a lot of old pioneers that have been here between fifty and sixty years, built their homes and helped to build up the district, and are still living here, that I want to mention. John and Sofia Lindal; Dan Lindal; Sveinn Gudmundson, the man who has done more work than anybody else in the district in the fifty-three years he has been here. We read about the Vikings of old—Sveinn is a real old Viking. I would like to say a lot about Sveinn and for that matter, individually about the old pioneers, but time does not permit it. Johann Gislason, another very busy worker who has employed a lot of people in the district for a great number of years; Snæbjorn Einarson, a pioneer merchant of the district, and his wife Gudridur; Asi Goodman, with his father's spirit, but lacking his physique; Paul Gudmundson; Bjorgvin Gudmundson

and his wife Rannveig, Stefan Olafson and his boys; Eirikur Hallson; his daughter Bjorg, the wife of John Sigurdson; Arni Einarson and his boys; the Johnson family of Minnewaken — Fusi, John, Ben, Steve, Ragnheidur, Hallbera, and Sigridur; Bjorg and Gusti Magnusson; Eirikur Skeving; Thorkell Jonsson and his family—Axel has become quite an industrialist in this village; Thorun Davidson; Sigridur Reykdal; Gudjon Rafnkelson and his family; Ben Rafnkelson and his family: John and Bjorn Thorkelson; Gudjon and Beggi Eriksson. Then there are quite a few that were born here, raised here, have lived here over fifty years, and are still living here: Gudni and Olof Stefansson; Bjorg í Laufasi — her husband Bjorn is close to fifty years in the district; Helga Johannson; Thorun Loftson; Helga Stinson; Joe and Thor Johnson; Barney, Einar, and Gudmundur Nordal; Eirikur and Bjorn Eriksson, sons of Julius Eriksson; Steini Einarson; Johanna Einarson, now Mrs. Jonasson. When the saga of the district is written, all these people and a lot more have a place in that saga, and their individual efforts should be mentioned therein.

There was at that time, and is today, an English settlement to the south of us, usually called the Seamo district. There were Tom, Dick, and Harry Seaman. Tom first had the Seamo Post Office. Joseph and Billy Burge; the Cobbs; the Betts; the Rayes; the Desemencourts; the Finglands; McGregors; Watsons; Nat Scharfs; Ernest Green; William Best; George Paul; the Harris boys; Sam and Joe King; the Jefferies; Jim Tate; the Clarks, William Sr. and Jr. and Jim; (William Clark Sr. first had the Clarkleigh Post Office); Charley, Percy, and Fred Miligan; John, Tom, and William Bradley; Robert Walton had a little store;

the Scaves; Wilkes; Bob Scharfes; the Bennets moved away and later came back. Joe Wilson; the Mudd brothers; Alex McDonald; William Kelling and John Street.

To the west of us was what we called the French settlement. There were the Langlois, who first had the Mary Hill Post Office; the Carrieres; the Allards; the Delarondes; the Cutus; the Lamaroux; several Monkmans; Tom, George, Jim, Philip, Alex, William, and Charley; the Forbisters: Ben, Sam, and John; the McLeods: Angus, Abraham, Pierre, and Jim; the Braults; who first had the Minnewaken Post Office; Legimodieres; Michael Richaue; Gabriel Dumont. Andrew and David Spence. In that district also was Jim Martin, Ambrose Brunt, who had a little store at Swan Creek, and the Fishers.

Towards Scotch Bay there were the Prestons, who first had the Lily Bay Post Office; the Lundys, Frank Sr. and Jr. and William, Joe, and Bert; Frank Lundy had the Lundyville Post Office first; the George Lundys, father of Fred; the Blues, Neil and John; the Malcolms; the Hodgins: William, Tom, John, Fred, and Alex; the Windross: Frank and Fred; the Goddards; the Perrys; the Toppings; and the Taylors. Dave and Alex.

North of here were the Taylors: old man Taylor, Jim, Sam, George and Jack; the Millers; the Mills; the Fiddlers; William and John. John first had the Cold Springs Post Office. The Foulds; and Eccels. These are the old settlers in the Municipality of Posen that I remember. I may have missed some.

The early pioneers were very poor, particularly the Icelanders. They had hardly anything except their will to work and the optimistic spirit of getting along the best way they could. There was one, two and three cows

to a family—the family that had a yoke of oxen and two or three cows was considered well-to-do. The early huts were built of green logs—grooved, not dovetailed—chinked and plastered with clay, a sod roof, and Mother Earth for a floor. Two small windowpanes on the east wall, an old cook-stove inside the door, beds made out of rails nailed to the wall on each side with a rough, home-made table in the center of the floor, trunks and boxes to sit on. The hay was cut with a scythe and raked with a home-made hand-rake. There were no implements, so everything had to be done the hard way. The longer we worked and the harder we worked, the more we accomplished. Treks to Winnipeg were made by oxen in the spring and fall, several travelling together in order to help each other out when we got stuck, which was as regularly. The loads had to be carried across the sloughs when the wagons bogged down, but those were pleasure trips.

There never was any starvation. We always had something to fill our stomachs, and in spite of all the hardships and poverty there was a hospitable, friendly spirit in the district. That does not apply to any class of people; it applied to all the people in the district; and that hospitable, friendly spirit has continued all through the years. When new settlers came in, they were extended a hand of friendship and fellowship, and neighbors helped them to build a roof over their heads.

The recreation was an old Icelandic custom—that of book-reading. Some member of the family would read out loud for the benefit of the household, particularly in the long winter evenings, and all the books in the district appeared to be public property, were loaned around, read and re-read. Books

of poetry were read and re-read till we learned them by heart; and for the benefit of the Chairman, in the winter of 1893 I read the Bible from cover to cover, and some chapters I read more than once when I found it difficult to reconcile one chapter to another. But I suppose I was too young to understand.

In 1887 this was the Municipality of Posen, consisting of townships 18, 19, 20, and 21, ranges 1 to the lake. The settlement was very sparse, the need for improvement was great, but the ability to pay taxes was nonexistent so in 1893 the Municipality ceased to function and this became unorganized territory.

The first Icelander to be elected to public office was John Sigfusson, who was elected Councillor for the Municipality of Posen in 1890. The first Icelander to be appointed Postmaster in this district was Henrik Jonsson, who first had the Lundar Post Office. He intended to name it Lundi, after his wife's farmstead in Iceland, but Ottawa made it Lundar and thus it has remained. Henrik used to carry the mail between his place and Clark-leigh once a week, with the iron hook from the stub of his hand hooked into the mail-bag, swinging his good arm, wading through water in summer and snow in winter. But in 1892 Henrik left the district and Halldor Halldorson became Postmaster, a position he held for more than twenty years. After the railroad came and the village of Lundar began to grow the Post Office was moved in here, Dan Lindal became Post Master, and has remained so to the present day.

The first social activity in the district came in the winter of 1892-93, when the settlers got together and decided to build a hall. The prime movers in that were Johann and Gunnar Thor-

bergson. (Gunnar was a very fine athlete). Logs were felled, hauled and hewed, and in the summer of 1893 the hall was built on the S.E. quarter of 2-20-5. There was no title to the land, no lease, except word of mouth, and there the hall stood until it so depreciated that it was torn down and another hall, built from lumber, was erected on the same site. (Later the Good Templars' Lodge took over the hall and moved it into the village, where it remained until the present hall was built). The hall did not belong to anybody, but it belonged to everybody, and the man who kept track of receipts and disbursements for twenty years, free of charge, was Eirikur Gudmundson. In the hall we held dances, meetings, picnics, Farmers Institute meetings, Debating Society meetings, boxing and wrestling. We were not good debaters; we were not very good boxers; but what we lacked in science we made up for in aggressiveness and enthusiasm.

The first school to be built in the district among the Icelanders was the Franklin school. The Lincoln school in the Seamo district was built before that. Then came the Mary Hill and the Swan Creek schools, and others followed as the settlement grew. The first teacher at the Franklin school was Ingvar Buason; then came Arni Anderson, his sister Maria Anderson, Emily Anderson, and Professor Joe Johannson. The early teachers at Mary Hill were the late Thorvaldur Thorvaldson and his brother, Dr. Thorberg Thorvaldson, now a Professor at the University of Saskatoon. At Swan Creek there were Stefan Guttormson, Guttormur Guttormson, Joe Stefansson, and Mundi Goodman. Other schools and other teachers followed, and left their mark on the community.

When the original settlers moved out

here, a railroad was expected through the district. The grade was being built, and the telegraph line had been run. It was to run about four miles east of here, turn west, cross Lake Manitoba at the Narrows, and go from there to Hudson Bay; but in 1888 operations ceased, and it was not until 1904 that the railroad finally came as far as Oak Point. In the years that followed the road was extended to Gypsumville and Steep Rock. In 1910 the station was built at Lundar, then this village began to take form and has been growing ever since. I don't know how many people there are here now, but in 1928 there were 494. You are as well acquainted with the growth of the village as I am, but Lundar has been, and is, the trading center of the district.

For many years the need for a doctor had been felt. It was a long way to get a doctor from Winnipeg, and a long way to convey sick people to Winnipeg. Many a life was lost for want of medical attention, and it was not until 1908 that Magnus Hjaltason took up residence at Oak Point and later moved to Lundar. Following him came Agust Blondal, Dr. Broughton for a while, Dr. Sigurdur Julius Johannesson, Numi Hjaltmarson, and now Dr. Paulson—who, by the way, is a son of an old pioneer in the Shoal Lake district. The doctors had their trials. The roads in the early years were very difficult, but they always responded to the call of duty, and many is the life they saved and great is the suffering they relieved. I do not suppose there is a family in this district but that feels grateful to the doctors that have been in the community.

We have had ministers of the gospel, some on special occasions, but those that have resided here are: Reverend Jon Jonsson, Albert Kristjansson, Hjortur Leo, Gudmundur Arnason, Adam

Thorgrimson, Frederick Kristjansson, Pall Jonsson, Theodore Sigurdson, and now the Chairman. No doubt there is work for ministers in all communities, but I am the most ill-fitted person to give them the credit they deserve.

After being twenty years as unorganized territory, movement was started in 1913 to form this district into a Municipality, and the request was made to the Provincial Government, headed at that time by R.P. Roblin. I remember being a member of the delegation to Winnipeg to make the request that we get a Municipal Charter. We went to see Roblin, and he told us our request would be granted, but he wanted to know if we had selected a name for the new Municipality. We told him we had not. He said one of his Ministers, Mr. Coldwell, was anxious to have some town or Municipality named for him. This is the reason the Municipality got the name of Coldwell.

The first boundaries of Coldwell were townships 18, 19, and 20, ranges 2 to the lake. A few years later Range 2 was detached and became part of the municipality of Armstrong. That Municipality, however, did not function very long. The first Council to be elected here was composed of W. H. Fielding as Reeve, Gudmundur Breckman, John Popplewell, John Lindal, and A. M. Freeman as Councilors. Agust Magnusson was Municipal Clerk, in which capacity he served with distinction for more than twenty-five years. I have not heard whether the district honored him on retirement for long and faithful service, but if they did, he certainly deserved it.

The Reeves of the Municipality from 1914 to 1920 were Fielding, John Sigfusson, and Dick Seaman. From 1920 to 1928 I served; 1929 and 1930 Sigurdur Sigurdson, and from 1930 to the





Road Work with Oxen



Road Work with Horses



Modern Machinery of Today, owned by Sigfusson Bros.

present Kari Byron. As a Municipality we have had trials. There is so much to do and the people cannot stand high taxation; so improvements have had to be limited, not according to needs, but according to the ability to pay. One thing this district has to be thankful for is that there is no bonded indebtedness on the Municipality. As equipment becomes easier to secure one man with a machine can do in a day what would have taken four teams a month to do, and this Municipality should have some roads.

The first Provincial election I remember in this district was in 1896. This district was then in the Constituency of Dauphin. Glen Campbell and Theodore Burroughs were the candidates. Burroughs won, and Lundar elected him.

In olden times it was taken for granted that the Icelanders were Lutherans in religion and Liberals in politics, but there is too much Irish in the Icelanders to follow a restricted path. They must have something to argue about once in a while, and soon a few straggling Conservatives began to pop up in the district. Then, as if that was not enough, some Unitarians showed up. Mostly the Unitarians were Conservatives and the Lutherans were Liberals, but even that was thrown out of gear. Some Unitarians voted Liberal, some Lutherans voted Conservative, and they acted as a sort of a balance-wheel between the two factions. We fought our political battles with all the vigor and aggressiveness that we brought to everything else. No holds were barred, no quarters asked or given; but when the balloting was over and the winner declared, the majority decision was accepted in the true democratic spirit, and peace and harmony again reigned in the district.

In the Federal field this district has

been in four different constituencies: Dauphin, MacDonald, Portage la Prairie, and Selkirk; and has been represented by members of three different political parties. At one time we had the distinction of being represented by the Prime Minister of Canada.

In the Provincial field this district has been in three constituencies: Dauphin, Gimli, and St. George. Dauphin up to 1899, represented by T. A. Burroughs; and Gimli from 1899 to 1914, when Gimli was divided into four different constituencies—Gimli St. George, Fairford, and Fisher. From 1899 to 1903 we were represented by B. L. Baldwinson, 1903-07 by Sigtryggur Jonasson, 1907-12 B. L. Baldwinson, 1912-1915 E. L. Taylor. In 1915 Skuli Sigfusson was elected, and he has represented this constituency most of the time from 1915 to 1945, with the exception of 1920-22, when Albert Kristjanson was the representative, and from 1936-1940, when Salome Halldorson was the representative. In 1945 Kris Halldorson was elected and is the present member. So Skuli Sigfusson has the distinction of having been in office as long as any living politician. His political career exceeds even that of MacKenzie King and John Bracken, who are credited with a long political career.

In one sphere this community has been very outstanding, and that is the field of athletics. This district has produced the best athletes of any Icelandic community. For more than fifty years the Icelanders in Manitoba have held a celebration on the second of August each year. Athletic events have been part of the program, and the men from this district have taken part and shown up favorably.

In 1908 Clemens, Arnason and Palmason donated a trophy to be held for one year by the individual champion of the day. The first man to win this

trophy was Kris Backman, (Dr., Backman). The runner-up was Gus Blondal, (Dr. Blondal). More about them later. This trophy was to become permanently owned if won by the same man for three years. In 1910 and 1911 Einar Johnson won it, in 1912 Einar Johnson and Bjorgvin Stefansson tied, and in 1913 Einar won the cup permanently.

In 1913 there was a new era in the Icelandic celebration; it was made more of a field event. Athletic clubs from the different communities were asked to participate, and for that purpose Thorstein Oddson donated the Oddson shield as a club trophy, Skuli Hanson donated the Hanson cup as an individual trophy, and Marino Hannesson donated the Glimu-Belti for Icelandic wrestling. The Grettir Amateur Athletic Association had then been formed, and we decided to participate. So also did the people of Selkirk and Winnipeg. In 1913 we lost the Oddson shield by one point, but we participated again the following year and this time our club got more points than Winnipeg and Selkirk combined, and for ten consecutive years our club held the shield. We won the Hanson cup several times; Einar Johnson winning it three times, also Gusti Magnusson and Oskar Thorgilson, and when Mundi Stefansson participated for us in the wrestling, we held all the trophies. The men that won the events for us were: first and foremost, Einar Johnson, Gusti Magnusson, Oskar Thorgilson, Bjorgvin Stefansson, Beggi Erikson, Kris Backman, Harry Johnson, Thordur Johnson, Mundi Thorsteinson, Einar Erikson, Victor Vestdal, Bessi Byron, Willi Kristjanson, Thorhallur Halldorson, and Skapti Johnson.

In his time Einar Johnson was the best Icelandic Canadian athlete in the province. He had the physique of a giant and the stamina of a leopard.

He would enter seven events in one day and show up well in all of them. In one meet he won six firsts and a second, but no ordinary man can enter that many events and specialize in them, all or expect to break records. In Gusti Magnusson we had a specialist in long-distance running. He was the most beautiful runner I had ever seen. He simply glided over the ground without any apparent effort, and was, in his prime, by far the best long-distance runner in the province. It has always been my regret that we were unable to send Gusti to the Olympic Games in 1916. I do not say he would have made a clean-up, but he would have made a creditable showing and been recognized as among the world's best athletes.

Besides field events, we took part in football, baseball, and hockey. As baseball players two men have been very outstanding: Agust Blondal, catcher; and Kris Backman, second base. I have seen a lot of big-league games in the United States and also World Series. I have tried to study athletics, and I have never seen any catcher in the big league that had anything on Gusti Blondal. As a second-baseman Kris had no peer, and I have seen Roger Hornsby, who is recognized, as the greatest second-baseman of all time, play ball. Besides that, Kris is the only Icelandic Canadian known that could sprint 100 yards in less than ten seconds. So had these two men taken up baseball as a career instead of medicine, they would have been recognized among the great.

After the Icelandic Celebration was moved to Gimli, this district did not compete regularly, but in 1935 some of the boys went down. Sveinn Sigfusson was with them, and he won the individual and other boys won enough points to bring the shield for the

Grettir Club. Sveinn has been and is the most renowned Icelandic Canadian athlete. He has won the Icelandic individual championship three times in a row. He did not compete for it any oftener. He won the Grand Aggregate at a championship meet in Vancouver, against a field of Canadian and American athletes. He won the Grand Aggregate at the Scottish Sports on six different occasions and has been runner-up four times, and he has won the Grand Aggregate at every other field event in which he has competed, and holds two Canadian championships. For full particulars see the Icelandic Canadian for September, 1944.

And now let me summarize. From 1887 to date we have seen our log huts with their sod roofs and earth floors replaced by modern houses and barns. We have seen our oxen replaced by horses, cars, tractors, and modern machinery, and the scythe and hand-rake put away. We have seen our impoverished settlers gradually improve their standing until this district has become fairly prosperous, and that in spite of the fact that the land in this district is not good. But history proves to us that where the land is backward the people become hardier and more industrious, as only the fittest can sur-

vive. As an example take the Scandinavian countries: the land in Iceland is poor, but the people of Iceland are hardy, industrious, progressive, intelligent and honest, and they have brought these characteristics as their contribution to the Canadian nation. The land in Norway and Sweden is backward, but the people of Norway and Sweden have the same characteristics as the Icelanders. The land in Denmark is very much better, but the Danish people do not compare with the other Scandinavians for hardiness and industry. So we find that where the land drips with milk and honey the people are inclined to become indolent and lazy.

The people in this district have never had a chance to become that. People who have migrated from this district to other parts of Canada and to the United States have proven themselves far above the average in anything they have undertaken; so I come to this conclusion: It is difficult to raise good crops in this district because the land is not adapted to it. It is difficult to raise real good stock here because the land is not adapted to it. But this district has raised something else that is more valuable. This district has raised an awful lot of very fine people



## The Lundar Pioneers

By ART REYKDAL

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I stand among the multitude, observing  
My native district's Diamond Jubilee,  
And watch the ox-cart, buggies and jallopies  
Parading in symbolic pageantry.

Then, from the stage, a voice I've known a lifetime  
Unfolds the saga of the pioneers,  
Recalling all the obstacles they conquered—  
I listen, and compare my lot with theirs.

From Iceland's rocky shores and mountain valleys  
They packed their scant belongings o'er the sea,  
And, like their Viking forebears, made the voyage  
To the land of promise and prosperity.

The soil they chose was stony and unyielding.  
'Twas not as rich as that in other parts.  
But the challenge of its stubborn dissolution  
Was answered from the staunchness of their hearts.

Their children reap the harvest of their toiling,  
And bring more potent weapons to the bout.  
We buy machine-made tools to do our labors,  
While they devised their own, or did without.

They walked for miles a treasured book to borrow,  
And in the evening, grouped around the fire,  
They read aloud the sagas of their homeland.  
We buy with ease the books that we desire.

Where once their ox-carts trekked across the prairie,  
We travel in a speedy limousine;  
And if we count the journey long and weary,  
We are not thinking what theirs must have been.

We take for granted all the modern comforts  
With which we, in an easier age, are blessed.  
Control things, then undreamed, by pushing switches  
Because the land we live in has progressed.

So as I hear the record of their strivings,  
And note the difference made across the years;  
Compare my life of ease with theirs of hardship, —  
I take my hat off to the pioneers.



Male Choir, under the direction of V. J. Guttormson



Junior Girls Choir, choir leader Mrs. H. E. Johnson

## *The Shoal Lake District* *from 1887 to 1947*

BY SKULI SIGFUSSON

The Committee of the Jubilee Day of Lundar requested me to speak on the occasion in the Icelandic language, the subject being: The settling of the Eastern part of the district, usually called the Shoal Lake district by the early pioneers. Therefore, I am giving a translation for publication. This article is a continuation of the subject matter of Mr. Reykdal's speech.

Mr. Chairman,  
Hon. Mr. Dryden,  
Pioneers, and other guests:

It was probably the proposed building of the Hudson's Bay Railway in 1886 which induced and encouraged the first settlers to move into this uninhabited district. On May 24th of the following year six Icelanders set out from Winnipeg to seek homesteads. These men, residents of Winnipeg, who became the first settlers of the above mentioned district were as follows: B. S. Lindal, Isleifur Gudjonsson, John Sigfusson, A. M. Freeman, Jacob Crawford, Henrick Jónsson. They took the road from Winnipeg to Stonewall, and from Stonewall a trail leading to the southern end of Shoal Lake. They then advanced in a northwesterly direction through a wild country toward Oak Point, from where they travelled up along the shores of Lake Manitoba where there were already a few settlers

On this landseeking trip John Sigfusson selected his homestead about two and a half miles from where Lundar is now. He made his homestead entry on his return to Winnipeg. On July 19th of the same year he moved

to the homestead with his family, which included his wife and children, his parents, and me, his younger brother.

Henrick Jonsson made entry for a homestead half a mile south of Lundar,



Skuli Sigfusson

and moved there on August 6th of the same year. Accompanying him were some new settlers: Halldor Halldorson and his family, Jon Sigurdson and his family, and Jon Metusalemson (Mathews) with his family.

The other land seekers mentioned

found the land around Lundar unsuitable and moved 15 miles northeast and settled in Township 20 Range 2&3 where they thought the land better adapted to stock raising. Another reason was that in 1887 the land was drier in the eastern district than it has ever been since.

Arni Freeman accompanied by his wife Elizabeth, his father Magnus, and son Willie came in July and built a dwelling house. With them also came Isleifur Gudjonsson and his father-in-law Jon Jonatanson. After establishing himself, Isleifur went back to get his wife, Gudleif. Their son, Herman, was the first child born in this district.

Jacob Crawford arrived in the settlement in August of the same summer with his wife Helga and family. On the same trip came Bessi Thomasson and his wife Jarnbra, Gudmundur Einarsson with wife and family, Gudjon Jonsson his wife Matthildur and one child. Gudjon Jonsson passed away in the same year.

In the following year, 1888, a few more settlers joined the colony:

Thorlakur Eiriksson, his wife Steinun and one child.

Bjorn Thorsteinson and his wife Thuridur.

Finnur Stefansson and his wife Ingvaldur.

Thorgils Arnason, his wife Johanna and three sons: Bjarni, Magnus, and Finnbogi.

Kristjan Sigurdson, his wife Margret and two sons: Magnus and Sigurbjorn.

Jon Hannesson, his wife Osk and their children: Malfridur, Bjarnrun, and Thorleifur.

Finnbogi Thorgilsson and the said Malfridur Hannesson were the first couple in the district to be united in marriage.

Sveinn Sveinson who came the same

year; stayed in the settlement for one year, then left for Glenboro.

In 1889 Sveinbjorn Sigurdson and wife Eirika came to stay. Their children, Sigurdur and Gudny were born in the settlement. In the same year came Bjorn Hordal, Nikulas Snidal with his wife Ragnhildur and children, Gudmundur Stefansson who worked for Bessi Thomasson and was later a farmer himself, Gudmundur Peturson, his wife and two daughters Gudrun and Sigridur also settled there in the same year but later made their home at a place called Oak Island in Shoal Lake. Jon Jonsson Thistilfjord, a single man arrived the same year and worked with the settlers.

In 1890 Bjorn Lindal who had been one of the first to explore and locate this Interlake district, sold his Express business in Winnipeg and joined the settlement. He commenced farming in 1890 with his wife Svava and three sons: Luther, Carl, and Fjolvir. Others who moved to the settlement in that year were: Thorstein Hordal with his wife Ragnhildur and son Bjorn who homesteaded near the present site of Otto, P.O.; Pall Palsson and his wife Sigrun, Jacob Jonsson and his wife Ingibjorg, and Halldor Jonsson who came from Gimli through the roadless country. In the winter of 1890 Isleifur Jonsson and Jon Thistilfjord endured real hardships for three weeks in making a trip to Gimli, a distance of forty miles through uninhabited brush country covered with snow three feet deep.

It was a great disappointment to all the settlers in the Interlake district when, in 1888, the building of the proposed Hudson's Bay Railway was abandoned leaving the settlers without a railroad or roads of any kind. A very heavy snowfall in the winter of 1890-91 and a wet summer following caused



most of the lowlands to be flooded and made it impossible for the settlers to make enough hay for their stock. This caused great hardship throughout the district.

They ran into further difficulties in marketing the produce of their farms. Winnipeg, the only marketing place was 80 miles distant and the interlying country was for the most part unsettled, without roads and wet, with many deep sloughs. The settlers made two trips which ordinarily took them nine or ten days, and of that time they spent a day in Winnipeg selling their own produce and purchasing necessities.

The price obtained for commodities was very low—butter sold for 8 to 15 cents a pound. Groceries likewise were very cheap; the price of sugar was 5 to 6 cents a pound and that of coffee 10 cents a pound. Work boots were 75 cents a pair and overalls a dollar. Livestock, if in good shape, sold for 2½ to 3 cents per pound. Flour and mill feed were available at Stonewall.

Having a reputation for being honest and reliable, it was easy for the settlers to obtain credit at the stores. William Bruce, the owner of a flour mill in Stonewall said: "The Icelanders can get credit at any time because they always pay when they are able to". Similar assertions were made by other merchants in Stonewall.

In the years of 1891-2 the settlers from Twp. 20 R. 2&3, the so called Siberia district moved and located on the east and west of Shoal Lake. Some moved their log buildings but others built good houses from hewn logs. In the new location they found the land drier and timber plentiful. The advantages of the waterfront and the better quality of the grass for livestock purposes were other important

features. The lakeshore was first selected and later the land farther from the lake was taken up. As this new site was 10 to 15 miles nearer to Winnipeg than the former one several new settlers came in from various places.

I will try to give the location of all the Homesteaders, as I remember them, up to the year 1907 although probably some will be omitted. I travelled through this district only a few times yet I noticed the outstanding characteristics of these people—their perseverance and determination to conquer all obstacles. Their thrift and good management was also evident and nowhere have I met more or better hospitality. In that connection, I might mention that a special tribute is due to the women folk of the community as they have certainly done their share in establishing this settlement.

I shall commence at the S.E. corner of the lake and follow the shore line as closely as possible:

Isleifur Gudjonsson Johnson; Kristjan Danielsson; B. S. Lindal, Postmaster at Markland; Sveinbjorn Sigurdson; Sigurdur Sigurdson; Thorlakur Einarson Eirikson; Jacob Jonsson; Bjorn Thorsteinsson; Benidict Hjalmson; Jonas Halldorsson; Stefan Danielsson; Daniel Sigurdson; Bjorn Thorsteinsson Hordal; Albert Einarson; Sigurbjorn Kristjansson; Asgrimur Halldorsson; Magnus Kristjansson, Postmaster at Otto; Gudmundur Torfason; Gudbrandur Jorundson; Hergeir Danielsson; Sigurdur D. Holm; Gudmundur Sigurdson; Fridrik Kristmanson; Jon Vestdal; Jacob Crawford; Nikulas Snædal; Jon Eiriksson; Jon Hannesson; Thorleifur Jonsson Hannessonar; Finnbogi Thorgilsson; Stefan Björnsson Byron; Halldor Einarsson; Bessi Tomasson; Kristjan Vigfusson; Arni M. Free-



SKULI SIGFUSSON'S FARM IN 1898

mann; Gudmundur Stefansson; Bjorn Jonsson; Pall Palsson; Torfi Jonsson; Gudmundur Einarsson; Ingimundur Jonsson; Sigurdur Eyjolfsson; Jon Jonsson Thistilfjord; Halldor Jonsson; Gudmundur Isberg; Sigurdur Myrdal Jonsson; Jon Myrdal Jonsson; Gudmundur Austfjord; Kristinn Austfjord; S. B. Austfjord; Sigfus Palson; Jon Gudmundson; Skuli Skulason; Petur Thorsteinsson; Gudmundur Jonsson; Jon Gudmundsson; Sigurdur Jonsson; Jon Jonasson; Philip Johnson; Sigurbjorn Gudmundsson; Kristjan Thorvardarson; Gudmundur Jonasson; Sigurdur Thorvardarson; Valdimar Eiriksson; Stefan Arnason Anderson; Barnie P. Thorsteinsson; Helgi Palsson.

In the years of 1902 to 1907 there was a migration of settlers from the Gimli district, thirty families, or about 120 people came, many taking homesteads on the vacant land between the eastern and western settlements, and in other places, as herein further explained:

Johann E. Straumfjord frá Engey, J. E. Straumfjord, Pétur Pétursson, J. B. Johnson, Jon Johnson from Hecla P.O., John H. Johnson, Jon Jonasson, Jon Stefansson, Daniel Danielsson, Bergthor Thordarson, Einar Johnson, Sigurdur Sigurdson, V. J. Guttormsson, G. J. Guttormsson, August Magnusson, Sigurbjorn Benidictson, Sigfus Sigurdson, Bjorn Sigurdson, Vigfus Josefsson, Ingimundur Gudmundsson, Gestur Sigurdson, Peter Bjarnason, Jon Bjarnason, Eiríkur Rafnkeðsson, Andrés Skagfeld, Arni Jonsson, Steinunn Olafsson, Jon Jonasson, Mrs. Grimur Magnusson, Bjorn Magnusson, Arni Egilsson.

All these settlers brought some livestock and equipment with them,

through the uninhabited country, from the Gimli settlement.

Here are names of other settlers coming from various parts of Manitoba:

Jon Olafsson, Jon Kristjansson, John Hall, Harperville, Thorvaldur Reykdal, Vigfus Thordarson, Vigfus Josephson, Bjarni Sigurdson, Armann Thordarson, Albert Kristjansson, Fred Olsen, Steini Sigurdson, Gudbjorn Gudmundsson, Thorlakur Nelson, S. Stefansson.

I have given the names of the first settlers as remembered, but there may be some more, and there are so many changes taking place, that such list may not be complete.

This locality was well settled and progressed very well after the year 1909 to about 1918 or until the great depression following "World War 1. Some of the pioneers have passed away; others have retired, and in their places have come new settlers of various nationalities. Many of the younger people, especially those with a better education have left to seek their fortunes elsewhere, and many of them have succeeded.

Mr. Reykdal has shown in detail the progress of this municipality and mentioned the leaders in municipal affairs, education, and sports so I need not go into that.

The main industries of the settlers have been cattle raising, dairy production and fishing.

We must not forget that this locality has had its share of the difficulties that confront all pioneers of this western country. For 16 years in order to market their produce they had to transport it by oxen or horses over roadless country to Winnipeg. It was not until 1904 that the railroad came to Oak Point, and that was the terminus until

1910. Up to that time little road work was done because there were no definite points to build to, but in the years after the construction of the railroad more progress was made in the building of market roads to the various stations. We also had the present highway located in 1915, and the right-of-way for same from Deer Horn to Fairford along the C. N. Railway bought and set aside. This project was influenced and accomplished by Hon. Thomas Johnson who was at that time the Minister for Public Works.

The building of the highway as well as the marketing roads took a long time; funds were not plentiful but the government granted some money to help roadmaking, intimating their willingness to go 50/50 in the building of a highway. At that time our Municipality did not have much money to spend on such improvements, and if they had accepted that proposition they would have had to borrow money on long terms, which would have meant a mortgage on all lands within organized Municipalities requiring such loans. We knew that although the highways were important that taxes would have run too high to expect people to pay them annually.

In 1935 we asked the Dominion Government to pay the share of the municipalities interested, in the building of such highways, and also of a cross road between the Lakes. These highways are as follows:

From Winnipeg to Gypsumville,

" Stonewall to Hodgson

" Stonewall to Arborg

" Gimli to Riverton.

It became my obligation to call a meeting of all the interested members of the Manitoba Legislature and the Manitoba Government for the purpose

of getting their views on this proposal. The constituencies interested in the proposition were: Fairford, Fisher, Gimli, St. Andrews, Lakeside, Iberville, Rockwood, and St. George.

Hon. J. T. Thorson and Mr. Harry Leader M.P., both members of the Dominion House then were invited to this meeting held on the 9th. of March. The Minister of Public Works, Mr. Clibb, expressed the views of the Government—that they would be willing to provide their share of the Provincial money, namely 50% or perhaps a little more. All were unanimous in their opinion that the building of these highways was both urgent and necessary. A resolution was passed by the meeting asking the Dominion Government to pay 50% of the expenses of building these four highways and the said resolution was handed to Mr. Thorson and Mr. Leader. They presented the case in Ottawa, and the government consented to pay the Municipal portion on these highways, but the program could not be carried out in less than five years. This left the municipalities to concentrate their activities on the marketing roads with a grant of 50/50 from the Provincial Government. All in all, these four highways have cost the two governments close to 2 million dollars. This has speeded up roadmaking in the whole Interlake district, but there is yet much to do, and will be for many years to come.

Drainage is a very important problem in this Interlake country, and was started early in 1907 when Swan Creek was drained. All through the district, several drains have been made which have greatly improved the land and will be of much benefit. Most of this drainage has been done and paid for by the government, but in a few cases the Municipalities have paid a portion.

## *The Pioneers and their Children*

By PAUL REYKDAL



Jon Sigfusson

JOHN SIGFUSSON became a large operator in the district. After a few years on his homestead he bought a large tract of land at Clarkleigh and re-built. He also ran a store in conjunction with his farming operations. After several more years he sold this farm, bought more land close to Lundar and built himself a fine home. Later on he became a merchant in the village. — About 1930 he sold his business at Lundar and moved to Winnipeg, where he died. He took part in the affairs of the community and was reeve of the municipality for several years.

His wife Anna was a worthy help-mate for her husband. In 1888 she gave birth to her son, Sigfus. About a month later their neighbor, Mrs. John



Anna Sigfusson

Street, gave birth to a child and died from childbirth. Anna took the baby and nursed him with her own son for a year.

The children of John and Anna Sigfusson are:

Kristiana, now dead, married John Hurdal.

Juliana, married Sveinn Johnson.

Sigfus, graduated from Agricultural College, and will be referred to in another article.

Johanna, married Gudmundur Stefansson, at one time champion wrestler of Iceland. They lived for many years on the S.E. of 30-194, and are now in Winnipeg.

Olof, married Gudni Stefansson.

**HENRIK JONSSON** brought his fiancée from Iceland in 1888, when they were married. In 1892 they moved away from the district.

**EINAR KRISTJANSSON** and his family moved in 1889 from Lundar to the Narrows of Lake Manitoba. His son Helgi became a large fishing operator and merchant, and has the distinction of being the first man in Manitoba to ship fresh fish to the States. His saga, however, belongs to the Siglunes district.



**Helgi Einarson**

**HELGI EINARSON** has had a very active career in the Siglunes district. He ran a big fishing outfit and a store at the Narrows for a number of years. Later he moved to Fairford, where he ran a store for a number of years and was active in the fish business. Finally he moved to Lake Winnipeg, where he is now located.

Helgi is the oldest living fisherman and operator in the province, his fish-

ing career having extended over a period of more than 60 years.



**Gudrun and Skuli Sigfusson**

**SKULI SIGFUSSON** has lived on his homestead since 1896 and has always conducted large farming operations. Besides his political career, he has always taken an active interest in being a leading man in the community. His wife is Gudrun Arnason. Their children are:

Arthur, married Thelma Thorgilson.  
On the farm:

Mary, married Bjorn Halldorsson, in Iceland.

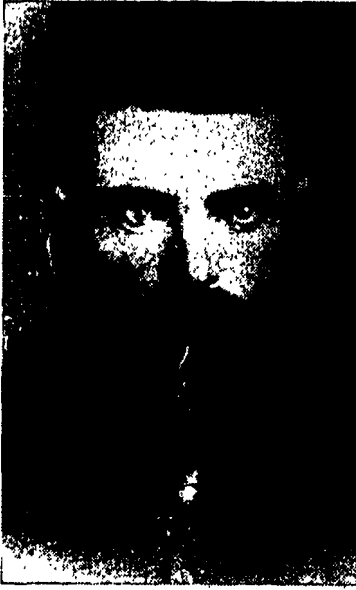
Sveinn, married Thelma Goodman. Living in Winnipeg.

Skuli, married Anna Thordarson. Living in Winnipeg.

Jon Sigurdur, married Mattie Oddson. On the farm.

Olof, a schoolteacher, married Gerard McMahon, in Winnipeg.

Thomas, a student in Winnipeg.



Halldor Halldorson



Kristin Halldorson

**HALLDOR HALLDORSON** took an active part in community affairs all his life. Besides being postmaster, he had a store for some years with his son Johann. His wife Kristin was a very out-

standing woman, and their home was something of a centre for people visiting the community.

Their children are:



Johann and Kristin Halldorson

**JOHANN HALLDORSON**, had a very outstanding career in the district. He had a store at Lundar for several years; from there he moved to Oak Point where he had a very large business, including an extensive fish business. Later he moved back to Lundar, where, in partnership with his brother Kristjan he built a very large store and operated it for some years. He was also engaged there in the fish business and took a very active part in all community movements. He died in 1923. His wife is Kristin Jonasson, and their children are Matthildur, single in Winnipeg.

Josephine Lillian, married A. Gretzinger. Living in B. C.

John Alexander, married Ruth Bailey. At Lundar.

William Gregory, married Thora Lindal. At Lundar.

Kristin, married Gordon Thorsteinson. At Lundar.

Ruby Monica Gudrun, married Douglas Mark. In Winnipeg.

**HALLDOR Jr.**, second son of Halldor and Kristin, worked in various places away from the district. After the first Great War he came back here and farmed for a while. He was married to Sigurveig Olson. They have one girl Margaret. Died young.

Gudrun: now Mrs. Leniker. Left the district many years ago.

Maria: married Russel Casselman. They moved to Eriksdale and operated a creamery for many years.

Halldora: died in 1908.

Salome: is a college graduate, a schoolteacher, and was member for St. George from 1936 to 1940. She will be referred to in another article.

Kristjan: has had an active career in community affairs. Some time after he and his brother Joe sold the Lundar store he moved to Winnipeg, and is now at Eriksdale where he conducts a garage and insurance business. He married Gudlaug Eyolfson. Kris is the present member for the Constituency of St. George.

Margrave: has farmed all his life. He has a very up-to-date farm close to Lundar. His wife is Sigrigur Sigrurdson.



Jon and Bjorg Sigurdson  
and their son Jon



Kristjan Halldorson

**JON SIGURDSON** was something of a country squire, and the roads of many incoming settlers led to his place, where he received them all, helped and guided them while they were getting a start. To enumerate all his activities would take too long. He was loved by the whole community. His wife Bjorg was a worthy helpmate for her husband.





**Jon and Ingibjorg Sigurdson**

**JON SIGURDSON, Jr.**, was with his parents until they died. Since then he has carried on the farm, following his father's footsteps. He married Ingibjorg Hallson. Their children are:

John: married Margaret Olafson. At Lundar.

Bjorg, married Roy Caldwell.

Jorun, married George Edward.

Helga, married Robert Hallson.

Thorstein, single at home.

Halldor, single at home.

Esther, (adopted). Married Eggert Fjelsted.

**JON METHUSALEMSON** moved away to Siglunes after only a few years. His son Barney Mathews ran a big fishing operation and was a large lumber operator in that district for many years, but his saga also belongs to the Siglunes district.

**JOHANN and GUNNAR THORBERGSON** and family moved to the United States after only a few years here.



**Bjorn and Gudrun Mathews**

**BJORN and GUDRUN MATHEWS** — At the Golden Wedding for Bjorn and Gudrun Mathews, held at Oak Point August 1, 1948, it was stated that Bjorn had been self-appointed administrator in the Siglunes district for all those who were needy or in difficulty. His fishing operations, while being a commercial enterprise, were started primarily to give needed employment to the people of the district and he taught the Siglunes people how to fish. His saw mill operations were started primarily with a view to supplying the settlers with building materials at a price much below that which such material would have cost had it been brought in from the outside. If the work were accounted that he did free of charge for the settlers, it would amount to a small fortune; but Bjorn had to content himself with the knowledge

that he had done more than anybody else to build up the Siglunes district. His death in September, 1948, was a great loss to the district, and when the saga of that district is written to Bjorn belongs the place of honor.

His wife Gudrun is and always has been a very fine and outstanding woman.

OLAFUR THORLACIUS with his family moved north of the narrows, where they have a long saga in the progress of that district.



Sigurdur and Sigridur Sigurdson  
and his mother Helga

SIGURDUR SIGURDSON has lived on his homestead longer than any other man in this district. He has been very active in all community affairs, and in school matters. He was councillor for many years and was also reeve of the municipality. His wife, Sigridur

Sigfusson has been just as prominent as her husband. Their children are:

Sigurdur, married Augustine Desjarlis.

Olaf, married Axel Johnson at Lundar.

Helga, single, living in the district.

Oskar, married Laura Reykdal. At Lundar.

Skuli, single at home.

Albert, single at home.

GUDMUNDUR NORDAL died here in 1892. After his death his wife Gudny Jonsdottir moved to Langruth, where she has lived ever since. Their children are:

Jon, unmarried at Langruth.

Bjarni, married Gudlaug Stefanson (Bjornson). Living in the district.

Einar, married Flora Monkman. Living in the district.

Gudmundur, married Florence Topping. Living in the district.

Helgi, left the district as a child. Living in Winnipeg.

JULIUS ERIKSON married Gudrun Bjornsdottir. Their children are:

Eirikur, single living in the district.

Bjorn, single, living in the district.

Jonina, married Sigtryggur Jorundson in Winnipeg.

Hallgrimur, married Valgerdur Bredal. Living in the district.

Jensina, married John Hinrikson

Gudrun, married Daniel Jones.

Julius, later married Ragnhildur Hansdottir. Her daughter Maria married Gudjon Johnson in the district.

ISLEIFUR RUNOLFSON and family only remained here a few years, then moved to Saskatchewan.

EIRIKUR MAGNUSSON and his wife lived and died on their homestead



Snæbjorn and Ingibjorg Jonsson and family

SNÆBJORN JONSSON and his wife Ingibjorg lived and died in this district. Their children are:

Tryggvi, single and living in the district.

Gudmundur, married Lina Johnson in Winnipeg.

Gudrun, married Fredrik Johnson. At the coast.

Bodvar, married Bertha Johnson at Flin Flon.

Dagbjort, now Mrs. Potter. At the coast.

SVEINN JOHNSON was married to Kristin Lindal. They moved to Saskatchewan many years ago with all their children.

MAGNUS FREEMAN and his wife Helga, now both dead, moved to Siglunes after a few years. Their children are:

Asmundur, a big operator in fish, saw-mills, fur farms, etc.

Petrina, married John Bergthorson at Lundar.

Olafur, single at Thicket Portage.

Johanna, married Joseph Holiday. At the coast.

JON VALDIMAR, his family and two brothers moved away after a few years.

GUDMUNDUR EINARSON and BJARNI KRISTJANSSON and their families, moved in 1889 to Siglunes.



Hogni Gudmundson



Gudny Gudmundson

HOGNI GUDMUNDSON was a blacksmith and carpenter. He was always willing and ready to help his neighbors, whether it was to build or

repair their implements. If he was paid he accepted it; if people could not pay, he never bothered. A man with a very happy disposition, industrious and hard-working. Both he and his wife Gudny, died several years ago. Their daughter Bjorg married Bjorn Bjornson and still lives at Laufas. Larus Johnson (adopted) married Olof Dalman at Lundar.



Eirikur Gudmundson

EIRIKUR GUDMUNDSON lived with his brother Hogni from the time he came to the district until he died. He took an active interest in all community affairs, and was usually handed the most difficult parts. He looked after the finances of each organization with which he was associated, and this he did faithfully and well.

ODDUR JONSSON died here after a few years and his two sons left the district.



Bjorn Johnson



Gudrun Johnson

BJORN JONSSON and his wife Gudrun both died in the district. Their children are:

Paul, married Fjóla Kristjansson. Living at Lundar.

John, married Sigrun Johannesdottir. Living at Lundar.

Sigridur, married John Bjornsson at Silver Bay.

Helga, married W. H. Stinson at Lundar.

Gudny, married W. White in Winnipeg.

Johann, single.

Thori, single.

Ingi, married Gladys Smith in Winnipeg.

JON HELGASON left the district after a few years.



Helga and Arni Reykdal

ARNI REYKDAL and his wife Helga both died in the district. Helga was a woman with an exceptionally brilliant mind whose ambition in life was to help the ill and needy. Their children are:

Ragnheidur, died at the age of nineteen.

Kristin, married Thomas Ramsay at Stonewall. Died 1915.



Paul and Kristin Reykdal

PAUL REYKDAL lived in the district forty years, then moved to Winnipeg. He married Kristin Eggertson. Their children are:

Grace, married Paul Carl Thorsteinson.

Paul Jr., died in infancy.

Sigridur, married J. H. W. Price.

Paul Valdimar, married Jean Cranston.

Helga, married Freeman Skaptason.

Skapti, married Nikolena Johnson.

Hazel Violet, married Roy Trum-pour.

Arthur Meighen, single.

PETUR RUNOLFSSON and his wife Palina both died several years ago. Their children are:

Gudridur, died some years ago; was married to Gudjon Eirikson.

Bjorn, also dead some years, was married to Maria Oddson.



Gudmundur and Eyolfina Bjarnason

GUDMUNDUR BJARNASON and his wife Eyolfina both died in the district. Their children are:

Siefan, agricultural college graduate. Died some years ago.

Inga, died young.

Eyjolfur, married Margret Tallon in Portage la Prairie.

Thora, married Bjarni Loftson, living in the district.

John Helgi, married Florence McKenzie.

Bjorgman, married Gladys Batty.

ARNI JONSSON (Dalman) died here in 1892. His wife Emma is still living in the district. Their children are:

Jonina, now Mrs. Nicholson. In Saskatchewan.

Thorstein, married Erika Johannson. Now at Vancouver.

Helga, married John Johannson. Living in the district.

HALLDOR THORSTEINSON and his wife Sigridur Einarsdottir came here in 1890 and settled on the S.E. of 32-19-5. They had no children, adopted Eirikur. They died on their farmstead.



**Mr. and Mrs. Stefan Bjornson and family**

STEFAN BJORNSON and his wife Gudridur Bjornsdottir, both died in the district. Their children are:

Bjorn, married Helen Lenke. He is a magistrate at Carman.

Stefan Bjorgvin, married Kristin Sigurdson. He is a schoolteacher in Winnipeg.

Malfridur, married Hartley Long. Living in U. S. A.

Gudni, married Olof Sigfusson. An outstanding farmer in the district.

Ingi, married Joan Pollock. Living in Winnipeg.

Hansina, married Sveinn Storm in U. S. A.

GISLI OLAESSON and his wife Gudrun are still living in the district. Gisli has taken an active part in all community affairs. Their children are:

Olafur, married Helga Dalman.

Gudrun, married Chas. Stewart.

Jensina, married A. McKenzie.

Boas, single, living on the farm.



**Monica and William Eccles  
and Kristin Halldorson**

MONICA JONASSON married William Eccles. They lived and died in the district. Her daughter Kristin married Johann Halldorson.

JON MATTHIASSEN and his wife lived and died on their homestead.



Johann Thorsteinson



Steinunn Thorsteinson

JOHANN THORSTEINSON and his wife Steinunn both died in the district. Their children took the name Johannson. Their children are:

Gudlaug, never lived here.

Thorsteinn, married Ella Johnson. He was for a number of years treasurer of the Maple Leaf Creamery; later ran a store. He moved to Saskatchewan several years ago.

Sofia, married Magnus Johnson, living in Winnipeg.

Eirika, married Thorsteinn Dalman. Now living at the coast.

Sigfus, married Emily Einarson, living in the district.

John, married Helga Dalman. They have always lived in the district.



Snæbjorn and Gudridur Einarson

SNÆBJORN EINARSON came here in 1894. He worked for a number of years for Johann Halldorson and was a merchant in the district for many years. He married Gudridur Gislason, and they both have always taken a very active part in all community affairs.

Their children are: Magnus, married Elsie Hartness; Olafur, married Lilja Goodman; Halldor, single; Thordis, married Gustav Stromberg; Carl, single; Leifur, married Eva Malcolm; Helen, married L. J. O'Farrell; Lillian, married Cecil Sothern; Jocelyn, married Oscar Hordal, Lundar; Mercedes, single.





John Reykdal



Sigridur Reykdal

JOHN REYKDAL and his wife Sigridur Finnsdottir did not move out here till 1894. John has been dead several years. Their children are:

Helga, married Robert Norwick.

John, married Aileen de Laronde.

Bodvar, married Dorothy Lamarcaux, living in the district.

Lilja, married Bernard Dighton.

Kristin, married John Brandon. Living in the district.

Jennie, married Joe du Guay.

Thorvaldur, married Anna Gudmundson. Living at Birch Island.

Finnur, single.

Lara, married to Oskar Sigurdson. Living at Lundar.

EIRIKUR HALLSON and his wife Jorun Thorsteinsdottir came here in 1893, and settled on the N.E. of 6-20-5, where she died.

Their children are: Gudjon, in Winnipeg, married Gudrun Olson; Ingibjorg Gudrun, married John Sigurdson at Lundar; Steinunn, married Jakob Kristjanson in Winnipeg; Bjorn, died some years ago; Rosa, single in Winnipeg.

Eirikur remarried Ingibjorg Jonsdottir. They had four children: Eirika, married Wm. Bailey; Haraldur, single; Bjorg, married Robert Foles; Jakobina, married Frank Lillies, Lake Frances.

His second wife died and he married a third time, to Jakobina Svanhildur Jonsdottir. Their children are: Robert, married Helga Sigurdson; Ingi Bjorgvin, single; Halldor, Single.

EIRIKUR SKEVING came here in 1891 and has lived in the district ever since. He had the misfortune of losing his eyesight in youth. He lived with Hogni Gudmundson and after Hogni's death, with his daughter Gudny and her husband Bjorn. Eirikur is a genius in many ways. He is a musician, a craftsman of a very high caliber, and he took an active interest in social activities in the early days.

ARNI EINARSON and his wife Kristin came here in 1897, settled on the S.E. of 14-19-5, where she died.

Their children are: Borga, now Mrs. Bedford, living at Killarney; Helga Lilja, married Thorarin Bjarnason, moved to Saskatchewan where she died; Hólmsfríður Salome, married Elmer Fines in Regina, where she died; Albert, married Sigurbjörg Holm, living in the district; Fríðgeir, married Ingvaldur Loftson, living in the district.



**John and Ingibjörg Lindal**

In 1891 JOHN LINDAL and his wife Ingibjörg Tomasdóttir, came here from North Dakota with their son John, daughters Kristin and Groa, and an adopted boy Ingimar. They settled on S.E. 35-19-5. Ingibjörg was a very outstanding woman, a midwife, and a nurse, who always willing and ready to do her best for those who were ailing. They both died in the district.



**John and Soffia Lindal**

JOHN LINDAL Jr. bought the S.E. of 10-20-5 in 1896 and has lived there ever since. He married Soffia Thorsteinsson in 1896. They have raised 16 children:

Jon Olafur, at Gillam, Man. Married Julie Tierney.

Thorsteinn, Dayton, Ohio, married Lily Forbister.

Asgeir, single, living with his parents

Daniel, Washington Island, married Agnes Hansen.

Vilhjalmur, single in Chicago.

Franklin, Winnipeg, married Laufey Johnson.

George, Sister Bay, Wis., married.

John, Ilford, married Violet Heine.



John and Soffia Lindal and family on their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Emil, Ilford, married Angus Alice Harpe.

Einar Haraldur, single, living at home.

Lara, St. John, N.B. married J. C. Lodge.

Helga, married Dui Thordarson, Chicago.

Elin Ingibjorg, married W. Woodcock, in Winnipeg.

Gudbjorg, married S. Tindal, in Winnipeg.

Laufey, Winnipeg, married H. Thorgrimson.

Thora, married Wm. Haldorson, at Lundar.

John and Soffia have had active careers. He ran a store on his homestead for many years, was fisheries officer on Lake Manitoba for many years, was Councillor for his ward, and has operated a large farm in the district

KRISTIN LINDAL married Sveinn Johnson. They settled on the S.W. of 10-20-5. Later moved to Saskatchewan with their family, where she died.

GROA, married James McKay. They moved to Saskatchewan, where she died.

Ingimar left the district as a young man.

EINAR GUDMUNDSON and his wife Thorstina Vilhjaldsdottir came here in 1894 and settled on Section 10-19-5 W. Einar died several years ago. Their children are:

Johanna, married Sigurjon Jonasson. Living in the district. Johann, fell in the first Great War. Gunnsteinn, single, living in the district. Gudny, married Kjartan Goodman. Sveinbjorg, unmarried. Lilja Gudrun, married Thorgils Thorgilson, living in the district. Ingi Sigurjon, single, living in the district.

HALLGRIMUR OLAFSON and his wife Vilhelmina Vigfusdottir came here in 1891, settled on the N.E. of 20-19-5, and died there. They had no children, but adopted Bjarni Nordal. Bjarni is married to Sigurlaug Johannson and lives on the old farmstead.



Joseph Lindal



Sigridur Lindal

JOSEPH LINDAL and his wife Sigridur Bjarnadottir came here in 1893, and settled on the S.E. of 36-19-5. Their children are:

Ingibjorg, never lived in the district.

Thordis, married John Lundal and moved to Alberta, where she died.

Kristin, married Fred Farmer in Winnipeg.

John, died at the age of seventeen.



Daniel and Margret Lindal

DANIEL LINDAL, married Margret Eyolfson, living at Lundar. Dan has contributed much to this district. He has been Postmaster for over thirty years, merchant in the village, Imperial Oil agent, Ford dealer, Municipal Councillor. He and his wife have always taken a very active part in all community affairs. Their children are:

Ingolfur Josep, married Lena Johnson. Living at Lundar.

Aurora Sigridur, single, living at home.

Jon Trausti, single, living at home.

Norman Baldur, married Jean Butler. At the coast.

Allan William Marino, single, living at home.

Lillian, single, living at home.

PAUL GUDMUNDSON came here in 1894 and settled on the N.W. of 13-19-5. He married Sigridur Hallson.

Their children are: Inna Ingibjorg, married John Thorgilson, living in the district. Gudny Valgerdur, married Henry Powell at the coast; Eirika, married Olafur Brandson, at Lundar; Rannveig, married Walter Brandson in the district; Gudrun Bjorg, married Victor Potter, in Winnipeg.

HJORTUR JONSSON and his wife Holmfridur came to the district, in 1895 with their two daughters Elin and Olafia. Elin is married to Thorstein Johannson. Olafia married Gudjon Olson. They all moved to Maidstone, Sask., many years ago.



Magnus and Thordis Gislason

MAGNUS GISLASON and his wife Thordis Magnusdottir came here in 1893 and settled on the S.W. of 24-20-6. They both died some years ago.

Their children are: JOHANN, single and living in the district. He has had a very active career in the district. He with Steinthor Vigfusson, was the first man to bring a tractor into the district



Johann Gislason

to break up land. They were also the inventors of the elbow beam breaking plow and the jigger for setting fish nets under the ice. Now he operates a mill at Lundar for the manufacture of floats, and employs a number of men. Gudridur, married Snæbjorn Einarson; Jens, married Kristiana Goodman, living at the west coast.

BJARNI TORFASON and his wife Katrin came here in 1903 and settled on the S.E. of 28-20-5. Both dead many years ago.

Their children are: Sigurdur, married Margret Sigurdson in Vancouver; Karl, married Osk Thorolfson at Gimli; Maria, now dead, married John Harvardson, Hayland; Una, married Bjarni Bjarnason, Winnipeg.



Sveinn, Einar, Gudmundur and Pall Gudmundson Borgfjord

**SVEINN GUDMUNDSON BORG FJORD** and his wife Thorbjorg Gudmundsdottir came here in 1894 and settled on the N.W. of 18-20-5. Sveinn has done more work than any other man in the district since he came here and has taken a lead in farming operations and all progress. He and Magnus Gislason were the first men to buy a binder in the district, in 1909, and his sons Asmundur and Kristjan, brought in the first threshing machine in 1911. For years they owned and operated a tractor and broke up land in the district. All this family are outstanding workers and an asset to the community. Their children are:

Ingibjorg, married Herman Van Renesse, now living at Arborg.

Asmundur, married Arndora Oliver, living at Lundar.

Kristjan, married Alice Forbister. Living at Thicket Portage.

Anna Sigridur, married John Bjornson. Died at Lundar.

**HALLUR HALLSON** and his wife Gudrun, came here in 1902. Settled on the N.E. of 12-20-5, where his wife died. Their children are: Eirikur, single; Jonina, married Wm. Benson; Sigridur, single; Gudjon, single.

Hallur married again, Olof Olafson, and they had the following children: Haraldur, married Leola Gudjonson; John, married Anna Borgfjord, Lundar; Gudrun, married Ray Vopni; Ingibjorg, married Geo. Burgess; Jensina, married Donald Jensen; Olof, married Alex Schaife; Hallur Eirikur, single, at Lundar; Magnus, single.

**PJETUR ARNASON** and his wife Groa came here in 1896 and took up the S.E. of 32-19-4, where she died. They had one son, Hallgrimur, living in Winnipeg. Pjetur married again, Helga Andresdottir and raised a large family. They have all left the district except Arni, who is married at Oak Point.



Mekkin and Gudmundur Gudmundson

GUDMUNDUR GUDMUNDSON and his wife Mekkin Jonsdottir came here in 1893 and settled on the S.E. of 27-19-5. They both took a very active part in all community affairs. Now both dead. Gudmundur was a very fine athlete and singer. Their children are:

Bjorgvin, married Rannveig Thorsteinson, living on the original farm. Gudrun Jonina, married Gudni Myrdal, living in the district. Thorvaldur, married Laufey Danielson, living in Winnipeg.

JON THORKELSON and his wife Kristin Jonsdottir came here in 1901 and settled on the S.W. of 34-20-5, where they both died.

Their children are: Gudjon, married Herdis Jorundson, on the old farmstead; Gudbjorg, married William Roley, in Winnipeg; Bjorn, married Juliet Henrotte, on the old farmstead; Thorarin, married Una Oddson in Chicago; Sigrun, married Oddur Oddson, now in Winnipeg.

Gudjon and Bjorn are operating a large farm very successfully.

THORARIN BRECKMAN and his wife Thorbjorg came here in 1899 and settled on the S.W. of 22-19-5. They both died in this district.

Their children are: Einvardur, married Halldora Ingibjorg Einarson, living at Lundar; Karitas Kristny, single, living in Vancouver; Halldor Kristinn, married Phyllis Beaton; Gudlaugur Magnus, married Gladys Edwards.

Thorarin was for a number of years engaged with his brothers, Kristjan and Gudmundur, in a mercantile business at Lundar.

KRISTJAN BRECKMAN and his wife Gudrun came here in 1890 and settled on the S.W. of 32-19-4. After a few years they sold the farm and moved to Oak Point where he worked for Joe Halldorson for some years. When the railroad came to Lundar he moved back and the three brothers ran a store there for a number of years. Kristjan died at Lundar, and after his death his wife moved to Winnipeg, where she died.

Their children are: Lilja and Vil-

borg, both single in Winnipeg; Karitas, married Allan Metcalf, in Winnipeg; Gunnhildur, married Paul Olson, at Vancouver; Olafia, married Arnold Erlendson, at Lundar; Charlotte, married Dyson Cartér; Eleanor, single in Winnipeg.



**Gudmundur and Jakobina Breckman**

**GUDMUNDUR K. BRECKMAN** and his wife Jakobina came here in 1901. They bought the east half of 18-19-4, where they farmed for several years. When the railroad came to Lundar, as stated before, he and his brothers were engaged in a mercantile business there. He was manager of the Maple Leaf Creamery for many years, and he was responsible more than anyone else for the success of that venture. He and his wife were very active in all community affairs, temperance, and

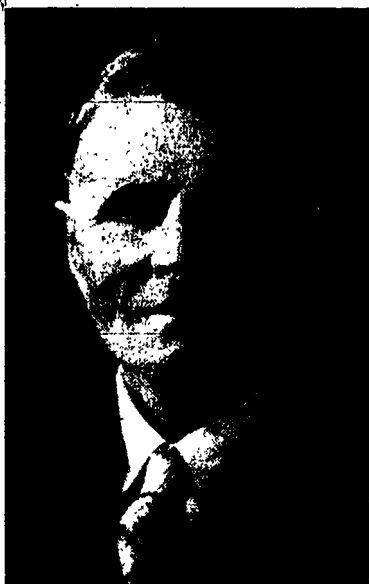
school matters. Gudmundur was also the first councillor for his ward when the municipality was formed. He died in an accident in 1934, after they had sold their store.

Their children are: Gudmundur Johann (adopted nephew), married Gertrude Foster. Owner and operator of the Maple Leaf Creamery; Kristin Sigridur, married Arni Stefánson at Tyn-dal, Man.; Walter Fredrik, married Pauline Kristjánson, merchant at Lundar; Gudmundur Kristján Jr., married Clara Skagfeld, farming at Oak Point; Gudjon George, married Agnes Armstrong, living in Ft. William; Jakobina Karitas, married Lawrence Ingimundarson, living in Winnipeg; Sigurlaug Helga, single in Winnipeg; Gudlaugur Agust, married Kaye Tomason, he is in partnership with his brother Walter; Maria Emily, married Jim Bailey in Winnipeg; Margaret Gudrun, a nurse, single in Winnipeg; Thelma Thorhalla (adopted), single in Winnipeg.

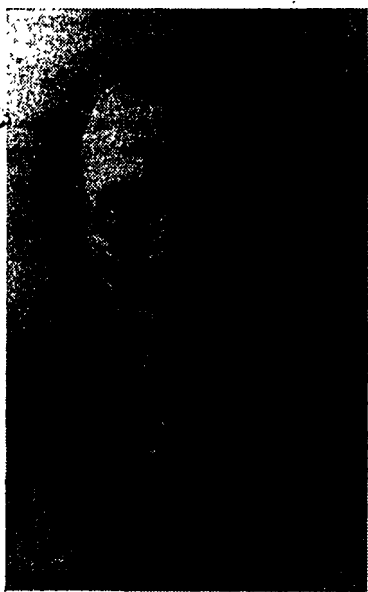
**THORKELL JOHNSON** and his wife Ingveldur Bjarnadottir came here in 1900, and settled on the N.E. of 24-20-5, where she died.

Their children are: Snjófríður, married Karl Johnson in Winnipeg; Ingveldur, married R. E. Dunning in Vancouver, B. C.; John, married Lucy Scott, they live in Victoria, B. C.; Thorkell, single, at Lundar; Axel, married Olof Sigurdson, living at Lundar. Axel is a very industrious man, a builder, has a lighting plant at Lundar, and is associated with several other activities in the district. Kjartan, married Thelma Olafson, living in the district; Oskar, married Octavia Hofteig, at Lundar; Halldora, married C. S. Johnston in Winnipeg; Freda, single a nurse in Victoria, B. C.





Sigurjon Jonsson



Gudrun Jonsson

**SIGURJON JONSSON** and his wife Gudrun Jonsdottir, came here in 1902. Settled on the N.E. of 14-20-5, where they both died.

Their children are: John, still living

in the district; Thorunn, married Claude Law in Winnipeg; Vilborg, married M. E. Cahler, in Winnipeg.

Sigurjon, and particularly his son John, always took a very active part in all community affairs.



Bergthor and Vilhelmina Johnson

**BERGTHOR JONSSON** and his wife Vilhelmina both died in the district. Their children took the name of Bergthorson. Their children are:

Bjorg, married Runolfur Isleifson and moved to Saskatchewan.

Albert was killed in the first Great War.

**JOHN**, one of the finest horsemen in Manitoba, married Petrina Freeman and has always lived in the district. Their children are:

Gudrun, married Arnor Thorgilson. Olafur, married Dorothy Hanneson. At Lundar.

Vilhelmina, married Fred Thorkelson. At Lundar.

Albert, Magnus Helgi, and John all single.



**Holmfridur and Daniel Backman**

**DANIEL BACKMAN** and his wife Holmfridur came here in 1900 and settled on the N.E. of 12-19-5, where he died.

Their children are: Dr. Kristjan Backman, married to Sigurlina Johnson and living in Winnipeg. Gudni, has lived with his father and took over the farm many years ago. His first wife was Kristin Benedictson who died in 1929. He later married Charlotte Vera Murray. Thordur, died young.

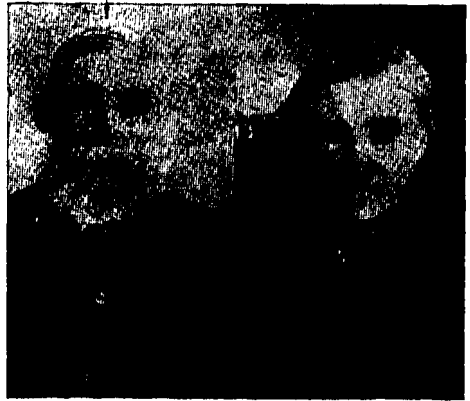
**KRISTJAN BACKMAN**, and his wife, Helga Hurdal, came here in 1902. They settled on the N.W. of 10-20-4. Both are now dead.

Their children are: Vilhjalmur, at Flin Flon; Baldvin, married Holmfridur Benedictson, living at Oak Point, Gudny, in Winnipeg, married; Jonina, a widow, living in Winnipeg.

**PJETUR HALLSON** and his wife Gunnvor came here in 1896 and settled on the S.W. of 6-20-4; now both dead. They left the district and moved to Blaine, Washington, about 1924.

Their children: Baldvin, Jonina, Johanna, Gudrun, Johann and Kristiana.

Jonina and Baldvin are dead. Johann married Jona Eriksson. Kristiana married Einar Oddson.



**Jon and Helga Bjarnason**

**JON BJARNASON** and his wife Helga Thorleifsdottir, came here in 1893 and settled on the N.W. of 12-20-5, where they both died. Helga was a midwife, and in the early days gave her unstinted efforts to the welfare of the women in the district. They had one daughter, Helga, who married Steinn Dalman. They all lived together. — Steinn and Helga have been dead for several years. Their children are: John, who has the old farmstead; Helga, married Olafur G. Olafson, living in the district; Olof, married Larus Johnson, living at Lundar.

**JON VESTMAN** and his wife Sigridur, now both dead, came here in 1891. Their children are: Jon Johannes, single, at Clarkleigh; Aslaug Anna, married Paul Phippin at Clarkleigh.

**HELGI BJORNSSON** and his wife Margret settled on the N.E. of 15-19-5 and are still living in the district.

Their children are: Gudmundur, married Helga Loftson at Lundar; Karl, single; Bjorn, married Irene Lameraeux, in the district; Svava, married Oscar Arnason, in the district; Asta Kristin, single.



Sigurdur Johnson



Gudrun Johnson

SIGURDUR JOHNSON and his wife Gudrun Vigfusdottir came here first in 1892. Shortly after that they moved to Siglunæs, came back here in 1902, and settled on the S.W. of 14-20-5.

Their children are: Vigfus, single; Ingibjorg, single; Ragnheidur, single; John, single; all living on the original farmstead. Benjamin, married Irene Warren; Stefania, single at home; Hallbera, a nurse at Vancouver; Sigurjona, single at home; Stefan, married Jane Hogue; Thomas, married Eileen Ayliffé in Winnipeg. Thomas is a college graduate.

This family are the largest and best farmers in the district, and have done their full share in building up the community. No needy person has ever visited them in vain.

REV. JON JONSSON and his wife Thorbjörg Einarsdottir came here in 1900. Settled on the N.W. of 2-20-5. Jon was the first minister in the district. Both he and his wife have been dead for a number of years.

Their children are: Sveinn, married Juliana Sigfusson and they have lived in Lundar all these years; Thorsteinn, married Inga Isfeld, living at Husavik; Sigridur, married Gunnar Gunnlaugson, living in Winnipeg.

HJORTUR PAULSON and his wife Kristin came here in 1897 and settled on the south-west of 16-20-5. Hjortur died in 1946.

Their children are: Thora, married John Scully at Bremerton, Wash.; Kari, married Phyllis Roberts at Stony Hill; Svava, married John Bonnell, Transcona; Leifur, married Alice Herbert; Ingibjorg, a widow of Joe Ganton; Olafia, married George Florence, at Sioux Lookout; Astridur, married William Lunney, Toronto; Paul, married Katherine Finlayson, Stony Hill; Thorstein, married Gudrun Barnes, Stony Hill; Halldora, married Kristjan Vigfusson, Lundar.



Mr. and Mrs. Bjorn Austman

**BJORN AUSTMAN** and his wife Margret Jonsdottir came here in 1901 and settled on the S.W. of 24-20-5. Both dead. Both took an active part, particularly in church matters.

Their children are: Bjorn, married Bjorg Gudmundson at Lundar; Sigrun, married Gudmundur Sigurdson, they lived in the district for many years and later moved to Wide Waters, Alberta.

**HELGI ODDSON** and his wife Stefania came here in 1891 and settled on the North-east of 20-20-5. Both died in the district.

Their children are: Oddur, married Sigrun Thorkelson; Sigurdur, single; Maria, married Bjorn Runolfson, at Lundar; Torfi, married a French girl, now living in Vancouver; Marsilena, married William Niven, Winnipeg; Una Sveinbjorg, married Thorarin Thorkelson, in Chicago; Juliana Emily, married Frank Gold in Vancouver; Thorun Elsabet, married William Bullis, in South America.

**STEFAN OLAFSON** and his wife Petrina, a very outstanding woman, came here in 1901 and bought the S.E. of 34-19-5, where she died.

Their children are: Thora, married Louis Muir, at Russell, Man.; Olof, married Jon Arnason, Winnipeg; Bjorg Victoria, married Dan Muir, Russell, now dead; Einar Gudmundur, married Ingibjorg Sigurdur, Crane River; Sveinbjorn, married Mary Nivens, living in the district; Arni, single, living on the original farm; Margaret, married John Sigurdson, living at Lundar.

**OLAFUR MAGNUSSON** and his wife Bjorg Gudmundsdottir came here in 1894, settled on the S.W. of 20-20-4, where they farmed on a large scale until he died several years ago.

Their children are: Gudmundur, fell in the first Great War; Gudny, a school teacher in Winnipeg; August Magnus, married to Sesselja Baldwinson and living on the old farm; Sveinn, married Ruby Olson, living in Winnipeg.



Sigurdur Sigurdson



Ragnheidur Sigurdson

SIGURDUR SIGURDSON and his wife Ragnheidur Thordardottir came here in 1902 and took up the N.E. of 4-20-4, where they farmed for several years. Later they moved to Winnipeg

where they both died. Sigurdur was a carpenter, and his sons are all but one engaged in the building trade.

Their children are: Halldor, married Thorgerdur Hurdal, she died several years ago, now married to Rannveig Johnson; Sigurdur, died in Detroit some years ago; Randver, married Maude Wilding in Winnipeg; Sigurthor, married Maria Erikson, in Winnipeg; John, married Alfrida Samson, at Eriksdale; Rannveig, single in Winnipeg.

JOHN EIRIKSSON and his wife Sigridur Bjarnadottir, came here in 1899 and settled on the N.W. of 28-19-5. Now both dead.

Their children are: Bjarni, died many years ago; Margret, living in B.C.; Dr. Einar Hillman, married Edna Longland in Mission City; Gudjon, married Gudridur Runolfson. She died many years ago and he re-married Mary Forbister. Gudjon has been very prominent in community affairs and councillor for many years. He is a good farmer in the district. Bergsveinn, married Margret Elinborg Brynjolfson. A good farmer in the district, and at one time a very good athlete; Bothildur, married William Teckie at St. Vital.

MAGNUS OLAFSON and his wife Eygerdur came here in 1901 and settled on the S.E. of 4-20-4. They both died on their homestead. Eygerdur was a midwife, fully qualified, and rendered great service in the early days.

Their children are: Aldis, ran the Lundar post office for many years, she died some years ago; John, fell in the first Great War; Thorkellina, married Ragnar Eyolfson at the coast; Olafur, died from after effects of the first Great War; Amundi, single, in Ontario.



**John and Gudrun Eyolfson**

**JON EYOLFSON** and his wife Gudrun Gudmundsdottir came here in 1909. Lived for a while on the N.W. of 2-20-5, then moved to Lundar and built a boarding house. Jon died in 1947.

Their children are: Margret, married D. J. Lindal at Lundar; Finnbogi, single at Lundar; Lukkabjorg, married John Gudmundson at Lundar; Oskar, married Palina Guttormson, a merchant at Lundar; Gudlaug, married Kristjan Halldorson at Eriksdale; Haraldur, married Marion Shields at Steep Rock.

**MAGNUS BJARNASON** came here in 1903 and settled on the N.W. of 16-20-5. His wife was Rose Sveinsdottir. They left the district and went to Saskatchewan after a few years and are now both dead.

Their children are: Thorarinn, married Lilja Einarson, now dead. Other children are Bismark, Bjarni, Anna, Otto, Magnus and Holmfidur.

**KARI BYRON** came to Shoal Lake with his parents in 1894. Later he took a homestead on the S.E. of 5-19-4. From there he moved to Clarkleigh where he operated a big ranch for some years; then moved to Lundar where he bought the hotel and operated same for some years.

Kari has had a very active career. He was councillor for two years and has been reeve of the municipality for the last 18 years, a position he still holds. He has taken an active interest in all community affairs and is engaged in farming, fish buying and cattle raising.

He is married to Anna Myrdal and their children are: Stefan, married Eleanor Backman; Sigurdur, Haraldur and Lillian, all single. He also raised a nephew, Fred Thorkelson, who is married to Vilhelmina Bergthorson. A very progressive young man, Fred operates a lot of tractors, clearing and breaking land for the farmers and freighting in the winter.

**KRISTJAN FJELSTED** and his wife Gudbjorg, came here in 1904, and settled on the N.E. of 36-19-5. They are both dead.

Their children are: Kristiana Jonina, married F. E. Snidal at Steep Rock; Laufey Lara, married John Marteinson at Langruth; Kristin, married Fjolvir Goodman, living at Lundar; Eggert Vigfus, married Esther Fjelsted, living at Lundar; Johann Avle, married Asa Freeman, living at Lundar; Gudmundur Sveinn, married Fjola Halldorson, living in the district.

**BJARNI MAGNUSSON** and his wife Gudny came here from Winnipeg in 1892. They later settled on the S.W. of 32-19-4. They have no children. Both died in the district.

EINAR JOHNSON came to the Shoal Lake district with his parents in 1894, and after his father's death took over the farmstead and operated it successfully for a number of years. Later he moved to Oak Point where he has a large cattle ranch. He has also been engaged in cattle buying, fish buying and operates a store at Oak Point.

Einar was in his time the best Icelandic athlete in Manitoba and has taken a very prominent part in community affairs. He is married to Susan Einarson.

Their children are: Stelania, married Barney Johnson; Johann, married Elsie Olsen; Emil, married Anna Arnason; Lorne, married Winnie Olason; Einar Jon, Nelson and Anone, all single. All this family is living at Oak Point.

GUDJON RAFNKELSON and his wife Thorey Kjartansdottir came here in 1900 and settled at Stony Hill, where they still reside.

Their children are: Gudrun, married Eirikur Vigfusson, at Selkirk; Valdimar, single, at home.

Gudjon has always been one of the leading farmers of the district.

BJARNI JONSSON and his wife Sveinbjorg Nissdottir came here in 1899; now both dead. They lived two miles north of Lundar on their homestead. The only living child is Niss Roseman a merchant in Lundar, who married Steinunn Sigurdson.

ARNI JONSSON (Reydfjord) and his wife Olof Jonsdottir came here in 1896, settled on the N.E. of 36-19-5, then moved west of Lake Manitoba and later to Langruth, where both died.

SKULI TORFASON and his wife Johanna Jakobsdottir came here in 1903; now both dead. They settled on the S.W. of 10-21-5. Their children are Torfi, Bjarni and Ludvik, all single at Lundar; and Thorunn, married Hannes Anderson in Winnipeg.



Snjolfur and Sigridur Sigurdson

SNJOLFUR SIGURDSON and his wife Sigridur Stefansdottir came here in 1896 and settled on the N.E. of 14-20-5. They left the district and moved to Blaine, Washington, where he died.

Their children are: Stefan, John, Sigurdur and Gudrun.

Sigridur later moved to the coast where she married the second time to Olafur Paulson.



Children of Snjolfur and Sigríður Sigurðson (later Paulson)

Top row: Gudrun Bjorg Paulson, Einar John Sigurðson, Olof Sigríður Paulson. Bottom row: Stefan Sigurðson, Gudrun Sigurðson, Sigurður Breiðfjörð Sigurðson. Children of Sigríður and Snjolfur Sigurðson and Sigríður and her second husband, Olafur Paulson.

GISLI LUNDAL and his wife Halla came here in 1904. Settled on the S.W. of 2-21-5. Halla died many years ago and Gíslí two years ago.

Their children are: Vilhjalmur, married Emma Johnson, now in Chicago; Ingolfur, married Elaine Tulgren in Chicago; Lovisa, married Einar Helgason in Chicago, she died several years ago; Edward, married Helga Ostrum in Chicago.

Halla also had two sons by a former husband: Eggert Fréðrik, married Gudlaug Vopni at Swan River, and Gudni, married Kristin Johnson in Winnipeg.

MAGNUS EINVARÐSON and his wife Guðbjörg came here in 1902 and settled on the S.E. of 10-19-5. Now both dead.

Their children are: John, now dead, married Arny Sigurðson at Winnipeg; Jonatan, married Sigurbjörg Sigurðson, in Winnipeg; Malfríður, married George Whiffin, in Winnipeg.

JOHN EINARSON came here in 1904 and settled on the S.W. of 16-20-4. He died last year. He had one daughter, Halldora, married to Einvarður Breckman, living in Lundar.



**HAVARDUR GUDMUNDSON** came here from Winnipeg in 1899 and settled on the N.W. of 2-20-5. His first wife, Helga Jonsdottir, died in the Gimli district. They had two children: Margaret, never lived here; and John, married Maria Torfason and moved to Siglunes. Havardur married again to Kristrun Jonsdottir. They had three daughters: Laufey, Helga, Gunnhildur, who now live in Chicago. He married the third time, to Stefania Anderson. They raised a large family and moved to Siglunes, where they farmed successfully for many years until he died.

Their children are: Soffia, Bjorn, Hjalmur, Sigrun, Anna, Svava, and Malfridur.

**BJORN ARNFINSON** and his wife Anna Jonsdottir came here in 1901 and settled on the S.E. of 10-20-4, where they lived till 1906 when they moved to Siglunes. They lived there 16 years and are now back at Lundar:

Their children are: Jon Sveinbjorn, married May Forbister, in Winnipeg; Margret, married John Agustson Johnson, at Siglunes; Gudfinna Sigrídur, married Fred Bergerson, at Red Lake, Ont.; Eythor, married, at Lake la Biche, Alberta; Sigurbjorn, married, at Lake la Biche, Alberta; Magnus, married, at Lake la Biche, Alberta; Bjorn, single, at Lake la Biche, Alberta; Sigfus, married, at St. Paul, Alberta; Helga Sveinbjorg, married Edward Magnusson, at Lundar; Halldor Sigurdur, married, at Kimberley, Alberta; Margret Sigurey, married Allan Rathbone, Kenora, Ont.

**PAUL KERNESTED** and his wife Gudny, came here from North Dakota in 1889 and settled on the S.W. of 6-20-4. They moved with their family to the Narrows, where they farmed successfully until both died.

**AGUST JONSSON** and his wife Margaret Bjarnadottir came here in 1897 and settled on the N.W. of 14-20-5, where they both died.

Their children are: Thorbjorg, in Vancouver, B.C.; John, married Margaret Arnfinson, at Oakview; Matthias, married Hrefna Magnusson, in Winnipeg; Fredrik, married Gudrun Johnson, at the coast; Larus, married Olof Dalman, at Lundar; Alexander Archibald, married Olga Gudjonson, at the coast.

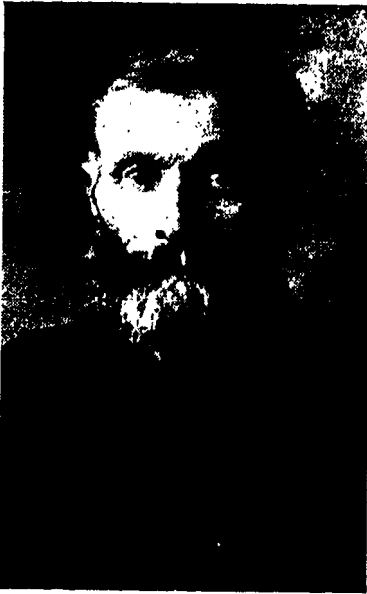
**BEN RAFNKELSON** and his wife Sigrídur Gudmundson lived some years on their farm east of Clarkleigh. He later became a merchant at Clarkleigh. Moved from there to Birch Island and is now at Lundar.

Their children are: Sarah, married Arthur Simmons at Hayland; John, married Eileen Titan, at Lundar; Ragna, married Ivan Faso, Winnipeg; Rakel, married, in Winnipeg; Jonas, married, at Siskiyew.

**OLAFUR SIGURDSON** and his wife Olafia came here in 1903 and settled on the N.E. of 6-20-4, where they both died.

Their children are: Sigrídur, married Margrave Halldorson at Lundar; Olof, married Kristinn Brandson, in California; Sigurdur, married Eliza Lambelin; at Lundar; Paul, married Vlasta Matejke, at Lundar; Margret, married Orville Davidson, in Calgary; Kjartan, was killed in world war two.

**JON JONSSON** and his wife, Anna Brynjolfsdottir came here about 1898. Both dead. They settled on the S.E. of 16-20-5. Their two sons, Magnus and Brynjolfur, are both dead; Sigrídur, a daughter, married H. Tompkins, in Winnipeg.



Olafur Jonsson



Gudrun Jonsson

OLAFUR JONSSON and his wife Gudrun Bjarnadottir came here in 1903. Settled on the N.E. of 24-20-5. He has been dead for many years.

Their children are: Kristin, married John Depoe, in Winnipeg; Bjorn, single, in Winnipeg; Adalsteinn, married Marion Bjornsson, in Winnipeg; Sigridur, married John Guttormson, at Lundar.

ARNI LUNDAL and his wife Margret Gudmundsdottir came here about 1905.

Their children are: Gudrun, married O. H. Erikson, Pebble Beach; Gudmundur, single, at Mulvihill; Sigurdur, a merchant at Mulvihill, married Jean Amos; Helga, married J. Sigurdson, Portland, Oregon.

Arni lost his first wife in 1902 and later married Ingibjorg Palson.

Their children are: Sigrun, married Edward Hanneys, in Chicago; Thordur, married Dorothy Buason, Evanston, Illinois; Jakob Konrad, married Erna Peterson, Chicago; Benjamin Franklin, single, in Chicago.

JOHN SIGURDSON and his wife, Palina Thordardottir, now both dead, came to the district about 1905.

Their children are: Sigurdur, married Sigridur Eggertson, at Swan River; Annie, married John Forsythe, at Eriksdale; Emma, single, a schoolteacher; Margaret, married T. Stone, in Winnipeg; Herman, married Helga Bjarnason, Vancouver; Adalsteinn, married Anna Eyford, Horn Paine, Ont.

GUDMUNDUR BERGMAN and his wife Jonina Bjarnadottir, came here about 1903. They have one daughter, Helga, who married Bjarni Bjarnason.

SIGURJON EIRIKSSON came here in 1894. Now dead. He married Ragnheidur Sigurdson, and their children are: Wilmar, Lloyd, William and Johann, all single, at Lundar.

SIGURSTEINN ODDSON and his wife, Agusta Stefania Eyolfsdottir, now both dead, came here in 1888 and settled on the S.E. quarter of 16-20-5.

Their children are: Gudrun, married Herman Sveinson, both dead; Katrin, now dead, was married; Olafia, married H. Sveinson; Geiri, married H. Stefanson.

GUDLAUGUR SIGURDSON and his wife, Margret Arnadottir, came here in 1908, settled two miles south of Lundar. His wife died some years ago.

Their children are: Arny, married John Magnusson; Sigurbjorg, married Jonatan Magnusson; Sigridur, married Jack Wilson.

SIGURDUR JONSSON and his second wife, Margaret, now both dead, came here in 1902 and settled on the N.E. of 36-19-5. There were two boys: John, died from a shotgun wound in 1906, and Bergur, married Juliana Stefanson, settled at Hove, where he died.

GUDLAUGUR JOHANNSON (Johnson) and his wife Gudrun came here in 1896 and settled on the N.W. of 32-19-4. Their son Thorsteinn was a violin player of note, a good athlete and a sport, and was a leader among the young men in the early days. He later moved to Winnipeg, where he was a violin teacher for many years. A daughter, Gudrun, moved back to Winnipeg with the family. All this family is dead.

HALLUR HALLSON and his wife Gudbjorg came here in 1889 from Iceland, settled on the S.W. of 36-19-5. They lived there three years, then moved with their family to Siglunes, where they died.

DAVID DAVIDSON and his wife Thorunn came here in 1901; settled on the S.E. of 20-20-4. David died some years ago.

Their children are Gudmunda, a widow of Fred McLeod, remarried to Bob Pascoe, living near Lundar; Arni Sigurdur, single, on the old homestead, Sigridur, married, in Toronto.

SIGFUS THORSTEINSON came here in 1902, settled on the S.E. of 18-20-5. His stepson, Sohpanias Halfstein, settled on the S.E. of 24-20-6. He married Kristin Gudrun Jonsdottir and moved to Maidstone, Sask., where he is a very well-to-do farmer.

KRISTJAN ROSEMAN, later changed to Casper, came here from North Dakota in 1892 and settled on the S.W. of 18-20-4. He later moved back to the States and is now living at Blaine, Washington.

BENJAMIN JONSSON and his wife Johanna Hallgrimsdottir, settled on the N.W. of 25-19-5. Their children: Thor-dur, married, at Hudson Bay Junction; Otto, married at Oak Joint; Audur, Mrs. Septon, at Vancouver; Gudny, Mrs. Farelly, in Vancouver; John, fell in the first Great War and two daughters died in the district. Benjamin and Johanna are both dead.

JON JONSSON (Sledbrjot) and his wife Gudrun Jonsdottir, came here after the turn of century. They lived in the district for a few years before moving to Siglunes, where they farmed successfully until they both died. Their children: Paul, John, Gudmundur (deceased) and Ingibjorg. Jon Jonsson was for many years a member of parliament in Iceland, well-read, well-informed and intelligent.

GUDMUNDUR JONSSON from Husey, a brother of the above-mentioned Jon, also came here at the turn of the century and lived here for a few years. He moved to Siglunes where he farmed very successfully. His wife was Jonina Bjornsdottir. She is now dead.

Their children: John G., dead; Johanna Sigridur; Bjorn, Gudrun; Hallfridur, dead; Eirikur; Stefania. Most of these children are living around Siglunes and farming successfully.

GRIMUR SCHEVING and his wife, Gudrun Jonsdottir, came here in 1893 and settled on the S.E. of 30-19-4. They lived there many years and later moved to North Dakota, where they died.

Their children are: Gudny Lara Erika, married Halldor Halldorson, at Mountain, N. D.; Olaf Sigridur, married Samuel Johnson, at Gardar, N. D.; Elin Valgerdur, married Joseph Chanan, in N. D.; Jon Brandur, married, in North Dakota.

## The Pioneers and Their Children

By ALLAN EYOLFSON



Sigurdur Eyolfson



Anna Eyolfson

SIGURDUR EYOLFSON came from Hverakoti, Grimsnesi in Arnessysla, Iceland in 1887 and settled first near Churchbridge, Sask. He came to Shoal Lake in June, 1894, bringing his family and belongings on a team of horses and

driving his stock as well. The journey took one month. He settled on the S.E. of 24-18-3 W. His first wife, Gudrun Helgadottir, Sigurdson, came to Canada in 1874. One child, Gudbjorg (Bertha), of Vancouver, B. C., survived

infancy. Sigurdur married a second time, to Kristin Anna Danielsdottir Sigurdson, who came with her parents from Holmlatri, Skogarstrond in Snaefellsnessysla in 1891. Sigurdur was trustee and sec.-treasurer of the Haland S.D. for the first 20 years. He died some years ago.

Their children are: Allan, at home; Lillian May, in Winnipeg; Herbert at Vestfold, married Jonina Sigfusdottir Sigurdson; Ronald Hilmar, married Elizabeth McMaster, in Winnipeg; Laurence Alvin, at home; Jorina Herdis, married Charles A. Maddin, in Winnipeg.

GRIMUR MAGNUSSON and his wife Elin homesteaded on 32-17-2 W. They left the district after a few years. Their children are: Lillian, married in New York; Fridrik, married, in Arizona; Vigdis, married Peter Peterson, at Arnes; Undine Elin, a widow, in California; Kristjan, married, in Detroit; Winnie, married B. Tedlock, in Winnipeg; Lenette, married A. Pennhalleruk, in St. James; Georgia, married Arthur Wilford, in Vancouver; Laura, unmarried, in Winnipeg; Johanna, unmarried, in Winnipeg.

Grimur's mother, Vigdis, lived with her son and was the district's midwife. She raised her grandson, Joseph A. Zeller, who married a daughter of Pall Paulson at Ideal.

VIGFUS THORDARSON and his wife Kristin, came to Canada in 1902 and settled on the S.E. of 14-18-3 W. They later moved to Oak Point where he died. Their children are: Thordur, at Grand Rapids; Rannveig, married Ed curly, at Oak Point; Sigurdur, married Fjola Stefanson, in Winnipeg; and Asta, died as a child.



Kristjan and Halldora Vigfusson

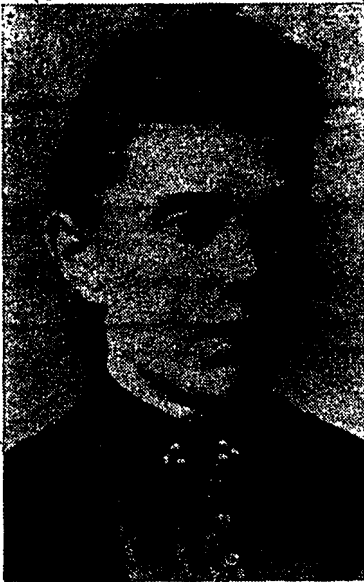
KRISTJAN VIGFUSSON and his wife Halldora first settled on 2-19-3 before coming to the south half of 18-18-2 W. Their adopted son, Johannes K., married Jarnbra Byron, at Lundar. They stayed on the farm until their death some years ago.

BJORN SIGURDSON and his wife Johanna came from the Riverton district about 1902 and settled on the S.E. of 2-18-3 W. They later moved to Oak Point, where they died.

Their children are: Margaret (Mrs. Goodall); Inga (Mrs. Goodrich) and Sara (Mrs. Vallis), all of Winnipeg; Bjorn, Kansas City; Jonas, Selkirk; Elis, married K. Jonsson, Glenboro; Johannes, married Katie Zege, Oak Point; and Anna married Jonathar Johnson, Seattle.



Thorvaldur Reykdal



Kristin Reykdal

THORVALDUR REYKDAL and his wife Kristin were on the S.W. of 5-18-2 W. They farmed there a few years, then left the district. Both are now dead.

Their children are: Johanna, married Andrew McGregor, at Kelowna, B.C.; Bertha, married Roy Saul, in Winnipeg; Kristin, married Fred Tomkins, in Culver City, California; and Valina, married Gustav Gottfred in Winnipeg.

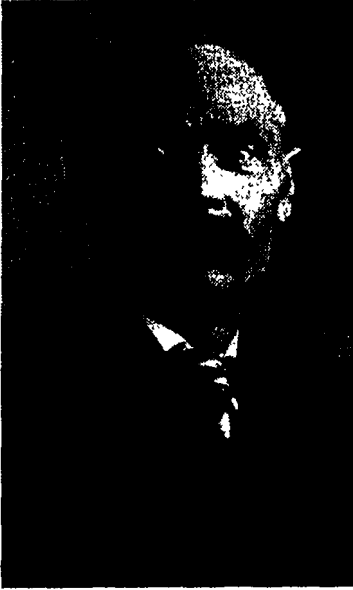
PALL PAULSON and his wife Sigrun, first settled in the Vestfold district before homesteading on the S.E. of 12-18-3 W. They both died many years ago.

Their children are: Kristin, now dead; Helga, now Mrs. Curry, in California; Gestur, formerly in Minnesota, now dead; Hildur, married Joseph A. Zeller, Ideal, Man.; Gudni, of Oak Point; Dr. Gudmundur, at Lundar, married Emily Smith; August, now dead; Asta, Mrs. John Riddle, now dead; and Gudbjorg, now Mrs. Sigurdson, at Kenora, Ont.

JON JONSSON and his wife Thorbjorg, (Bjorg's parents), came at the same time, homesteaded on the N.E. of 3-18-3 W, but lived with their son-in-law the rest of their days. Their children are: Johann, now dead; Bjorg, now dead; Gudjon, married Stefania Jonsson, Los Angeles; Oli, married in Vancouver; and Gudmundur, address unknown.

Bjorg Gudlaugsdottir (grandmother to Mrs. J. H. Johnson) also came with these people.

JON H. JOHNSON and his wife Bjorg, formerly of Mikley and Selkirk also came about 1902. They had two daughters; Thorbjorg (Mrs. Walker) of Sherridon and Kristin of Vancouver. They also brought up a nephew, Norman Sveinson, now dead. Jon settled on the S.E. of 10-18-3 W.



Andres Skagfeld



Steinunn Skagfeld

ANDRES J. SKAGFELD and his wife Steinunn settled on the S.W. of 12-18-3 W. They came from the vicinity of Gimli, and later moved to Oak

Point, where they died. Their children are: Kristin, married Oli Thorsteinson, now dead; Lena, married V. Freeman, in Winnipeg; Steini, married Kristrun Isleifsdottir Johnson at Oak Point; Stefania, married Fred Fridfinnson in Winnipeg; Valgerdur, married Herman Johnson, Winnipeg; Stanley, married Glálys Gryte, Winnipeg; Johanna, married B. Sveinson, Husavik; Emily, married Otto Mathews, Oak Point, now dead; Clara, married G. Breckman, Oak Point; Dora, married S. Mathers, Oak Point.

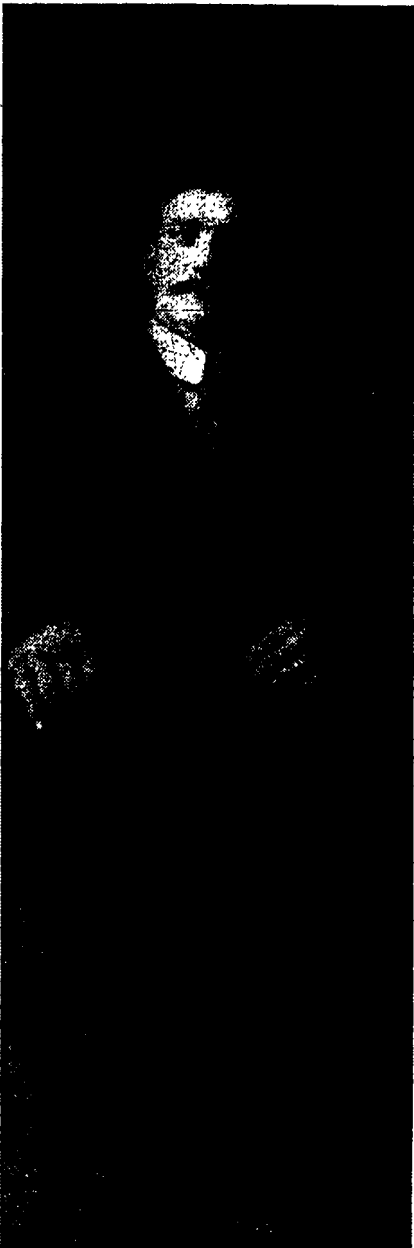
JON JONSSON and his wife Sigríður came from Mikley about 1902. They farmed a few years and then left for Gimli. Jon was the first postmaster at Hove.

Their children are: Jon H., married Bjorg Jonsdottir Jonsson, Vancouver; Thorbjorg, married Johannes Sigurdson, Riverton; Kristin, married Helgi Sveinson, now dead; Stefania, married Gudjon Jonsson, Los Angeles; Olafia, married Rev. E. Melan, Riverton.

They also brought up their grandson, Allan Sveinson, of Chicago, Ill.

THORLEIFUR JONSSON, son of Jon Hannésson, pioneer of Vestfold, and his wife Sesselja, settled on the S.W. of 2-18-3 W. Their adopted son, Sveinn, married Elizabeth Scarf in Winnipeg. Sesselja is dead, but Thorleifur is still on the farm.

STEFAN JOHNSON homesteaded on the N.E. of 12-18-3 W. He had several tenants in the early years, among them Sigfus Arnason and his wife Karoline, now at Lundar; Vigfus Josefson and his wife Gudrun, later at Lundar; Sigfus Magnusson and his wife Kristbjorg, (Stefan's sister), who later moved to the west coast.



Agust S. Eyolfson

AGUST S. EYOLFSON and his wife, Gudrun Grimsdottir, homesteaded on the N.W. quarter of 14-19-3 in 1902. They stayed there a few years, then

moved to Bluff and other places, and to Lundar in 1931. Bought a farm near Otto P.O., and moved back to Lundar in 1945. Their children are: Gudmundur A. S., a high school teacher in Vancouver, married Stefania Erlings; Emil, F.L., D.F.C., R.C.A.F., at Lundar; Laufey, married Clifford Harris, at Clarkleigh; Verna, married John Zachorodny, St. Martin; and Gunnar, married, at Lundar.

BENJAMIN EINARSON and his wife, Gudleif Stefansdottir, homesteaded on the N.W. of 12-18-3 W. They left the district after farming a few years.

Their children are: Lincik, Mrs. Gudmundson of Mozart, Sask.; Hoskuldur, of Arras, B. C.; Laufey, formerly a nurse in Sask., now dead; Bismarck, of Tantallon, Sask.; and Parmes, now dead.

STEFAN STEFANSSON and Juliana Einarsdottir settled on the S.W. of 6-18-2 W. Two sons survived infancy: August, of Oak Point, (married to Gudrun Fridrikson) and Valdimar, (whereabouts unknown). After Stefan died, Juliana married Bergur Sigurdson.

Their children are: Edwin, now dead; Baldur, in Winnipeg, and John, in Winnipeg. Juliana and Bergur both died in the district.

HELGI PALSON, his wife Helga Eggertson, came here in 1902, they settled on N.W. 32-19-3 W. They left the district after a few years.

Their children: Margret Halldora, married Leroy Robertson, Edmonton, Alta.; Agnes, married Paul Chamberlin, Portland, Ore.; Oliver, single in Regina; Norma, married Skapti Steinson, Cloverdale, B. C.



JON GUDMUNDSON and his wife Sigrídur Bjarnadóttir homesteaded on the N.W. of 14-18-3 W. Their children are: Inga, Mrs. McFarlane in Winnipeg; Katrin, married Einar Eiríkson, now dead; Margaret, Mrs. Rutherford, Gimli; Barney, married Hrefna Thorsteinson, in Winnipeg; Anna, now Mrs. Laurane, in Winnipeg. Jon moved to Lundar in 1919 and later to Gimli, where he died.

SKULI SKULASON and his wife Katrin, homesteaded on the N.W. of 7-18-2 W. They moved to Oak Point about 1920, where they died. Their children are: Gudrun, now Mrs. McDougall, in Winnipeg, and Bjorn, now in Winnipeg.

Most of the farmers in the Haland district moved away after World War I, many of them going to Oak Point.

## The Pioneers and Their Children

By AGUST MAGNUSSON



Magnus Kristjansson



Margret Kristjansson

MAGNUS KRISTJANSSON settled on N.W. 28-19-3 W., in 1891. Mr. Kristjansson was a very active man in farming and trading at Otto and later at Lundar, Man., he was also postmaster at Otto P.O., for 31 years. He

married Margret Dagbjart Danielsdóttir in 1895.

Their children: Wilhelm, is a college graduate, now working with the Department of Education in Winnipeg, his wife is Verda Treble; Fjola, mar-

ried to P. B. Johnson, Lundar, Man., Laura, died in 1925; Daniel, died in 1930.



**Mr. and Mrs. Sigurbjorn Kristjanson**

**SIGURBJORN KRISTJANSSON**, his wife Sigurbjorg Sigurdsson. They settled on S.E. 29-19-3 W., in 1901.

Their children: Valdimar, his wife Valgerdur Benidictson; Gudny, married to Mr. Long; Norman, his wife Lilja Benidictson, farming at Lundar; Palina, married to Walter F. Breckman, merchant at Lundar, Man.; Sveinbjorg, married to Haraldur Benidictson, Otto, Man.; Oscar, married to Lara Benidictson, Otto, Man.

**SIGFUS BORGFJORD** and his wife Sigridur, came to Shoal Lake in 1902, settled on section 2-20-4, stayed there a few years then moved away. Came back in 1920 and farmed on section 18-20-3. Then went to Oak Point and later to Lundar, where she died in 1947.

Their children are: Steini; Gisli, deceased; Margaret, Mrs. McCarthy, Lundar; Rafnel, married, in B. C.; Sigurjon, married, Campbell River, B. C.; Anna, married John Hallson, Lundar.



**Gudmundur and Margret Jonasson**

**GUDMUNDUR JONASSON** and his wife Margret Kristjansdottir settled on S.W. 36-19-4 W., in 1903. Mr. Jonasson died many years ago, his wife is living with her son.

Their children: Leifur, living near Flin Flon, Man.; Gestur, living near Flin Flon; Kristjan, married Lilja Runolfsson, Lundar, Man.; Solveig, deceased.

**DANIEL DANIELSSON** and his wife Gudrun, had their home in the district for some years, on section 36-19-4W. Their children: Olof, married Gisli Sigmundson, Hnausa, Man.; Jonina, married; Johann, married; Gudny, married.

**MAGNUS DAVIDSON** came with P. Peterson in 1902, made entry on N.W. 24-19-4 W. Died in Winnipeg.



Kristjan Sigurdson



Margret Sigurdson

KRISTJAN SIGURDSSON, his wife Margret Sigurdardottir, were the first settlers in the Shoal Lake district. They and their son Magnus came in 1890 and

settled on S.W. 28-19-3 W. After a few years the moved to Winnipeg, then came back to the farm. Later Kristjan moved to his son-in-law's place, Hergeir Danielson, where he died in 1921. His wife Margret died in 1938 at the age of 97 years.

Their children: Magnus, deceased, married Margret D. Danielsdottir Holmfridur, married Daniel Backman, Clarkleigh, Man.; Margret, married Gudmundur Jonasson, Lundar, Man.; Sigurbjorn, married Sigurbjorg Sigurds son, Lundar; Kristiana Margret, deceased, married Hergeir Danielson, Lundar, Man.

SIGURDUR SIGURDSSON, and his wife Bergthora Bergthorsdottir. They settled on S.E. 34-19-4 W., in 1903. Bergthora was first married to Thordur Gudmundsson, and their children coming to this district and mentioned in other places, were: Bergthor, Johanna, Oddfridur, Valgerdur, Kristin.

The above mentioned Sigurdur Sigurdsson was her latter husband. Both are now deceased.

Their children:

Thordur, married Gudbjorg Sigurjonsson. Thier children: Ragnheidur, married Sigurjon Eiriksson; Grimolfur, married Thelma Stefansson; Sigurdur, married Eva Kerne; Steinunn, married Wilmar Antonius; Baldur, married Kristin Oddson.

KRISTJAN THORVARDARSON, and his wife Steinunn Stefansdottir, settled on S.E. 36-19-4 W., in 1902, where they farmed for many years, then moved to Lundar where he died in 1941. Later Steinunn married Bjarni Dalman at Selkirk, Man., but after his death she came back to Lundar.



Vigfus and Vilborg Guttormsson

The well known Guttormsson brothers, writers of books and poems, such as "Bóndadóttir" and "Eldflugur" and many others, music teachers and entertainers, made homestead entries on lands within the S.D. of Nordurstjarna.

V. J. GUTTORMSSON and his wife Vilborg Árnason, settled on 4-20-3 W, in 1903.

Their children are: Petur, married Salin Reykdal, Petur is a Medical Doctor in Saskatchewan; John, married Sigridur Johnson, John is a general merchant at Lundar; Palina, married Oscar Eyolfsson, general merchant at Lundar; Fridrika, graduate nurse, Winnipeg; Halldora, pianist, married John McFarquhar, Toronto, Ont.; Vilhjalmur, married Barbara Moran, Vilhjalmur is a medical doctor in Kamloops, B. C.

G. J. GUTTORMSSON and his wife Jensina Danielsson, S.W. 4-20-3 W. in 1904.

Their children: Arnheidur, married Fred Eyjolfsson, Riverton, Man.; Palina, married Erlind Dahlman, Riverton; Bergljot, married Johannes Sigurdson, Winnipeg; Gilbert, single, at home with parents, Riverton; Hulda, married Alex Clark, Winnipeg.

ASGRIMUR HALLDORSSON and his wife Helga Egilsdottir, settled on N.E. 28-19-3 D., in 1906. Later they moved to Oak Point, where he died in 1947.

Their children: Johanna, married J. Jeffery, Oak Point, Man.; Jonasina, married H. Clegg, Oak Point; Rosz, Agust, deceased.

STEFAN ARNASON and his wife Thuridur Gudmundsson, settled on S.W. 33-19-3 W., where he died.

Their children are: Kristjana, married A. Stillir, Winnipeg; Hjortur, married Mary Irwin, Winnipeg; Gudrun, married Norman Goodman, Lundar; Sigurbjorn, deceased.



Johann E. Straumfjord



Kristbjorg Straumfjord

JOHANN ELIASSON STRAUMFJORD, his activity and good success as a doctor is mentioned in another place in this book. His wife was Kristbjorg

Jonsdottir. They settled on N.W. 18-19-3 W., in 1902.

Their children:

Jon E. J. Straumfjord, and his wife Ingridur Jonsdottir. They settled on S. 1/2 18-19-3 W., in 1902, farming there for many year, then going to Vancouver, B. C., where they both died.

Johann J. Straumfjord and his wife Bjorg Kristjansdottir, their home in Blaine, Wash.

Kristjan Straumfjord and his wife Karitas Bjarnadottir, Vancouver, B. C.



Ragnheidur and August Magnusson

Ragnheidur, married August Magnusson, settled on S.E. 6-19-3 W., in 1904; in 1909 they moved to N.W. 18-19-3 and in 1931 to N.E. 32-19-4 W., in 1941 to Lundar. Their children: Agnar Rae, has been a school teacher in Riverton 3 years, and in Winnipeg 21 years; his wife Gudlaug Olafson; Johann Magnus, for many years working as a mechanic in Winnipeg. Johann lost his former wife, Gudrun Sigbjornson; his second wife is Esther Prouten



Jon E. J. and Ingiridur Straumfjord

in Winnipeg; Kristberg Margeir, his wife Halldora Vigfusson, their home in Vancouver, B. C., where Kristberg was for some time working for a fishing company at Echo Sounding, locating and finding out how the fish are changing places.

Asta, married Ingimund Sigurdson, Lundar, Man. They have been mentioned before.

VALDIMAR EIRIKSSON, his wife Gudrun Thorlaksson, settled on N.W. 36-19-4-W.

Their children: Gudrun, married J. W. Jacques, Vancouver, B.C.; Sumarlidi, married Madge Johnstone, Vancouver, B. C.; Sveinn, single, farming at Lundar, Man.; Christine, married S. Say, Winnipeg, Man.; Walter, married Margaret Luke, Winnipeg, Man.; Mathias, married Eileen Pariseau, Winnipeg; Emma Ingibjorg, married F. C. Wood, Calgary, Alta.; Rose Wilhelmina, married G. M. Shiers, Winnipeg.

PETUR PETURSON and his wife Johanna Thordardottir, settled on S.E. 24-19-4 D., in 1902.

Their children: Kristin, married G. O. Thorsteinsson, public school teacher; Ingibjorg, living with her mother in Winnipeg; Bjorg, working for the T. Eaton Co. in Winnipeg for many years; Jenny, married to Oli Jonasson, Winnipeg; Sigridur, deceased, married to H. Cook, Saskatoon, Sask.; Rosa, married to John Johnson, Winnipeg; Asta, married to James Hatchard, Winnipeg; Petur, married to Kay Wallace, Winnipeg.

JON FRIDRIKSON and his wife Una settled on the N.E. of 7-18-2 W. After his death the widow farmed some years before moving to Winnipeg.

Their children are: Gudrun, now dead, married August Stefanson, Oak Point; Jonina and Maria, address unknown; and Rosa (Mrs. Sigurjonson), Calgary.



Einar Johnson



Oddfridur Johnson

EINAR JOHNSON and his wife Oddfridur Thorðarson, settled on S.E. 24-19-4 W. in 1903. They farmed there

for several years, then moved to Lundar. Oddfridur died in 1945.

Their children: Stefan Johnson, for many years travelling salesman, died in 1943; Bergthor Johnson, merchant and real estate agent, married to Kristin Byron, Winnipeg; Kjartan Johnson, medical doctor at Gimli, Man., married to Dorothy Morton; Lilja Johnson, for some time public school teacher, died in 1920.

SIGURBJORN BENEDICTSON and his wife Kristveig Freeman, N.E. 25-19-4 W., in 1910. Kristveig died in 1941.

Their children are: Holmfred, married Asta Thorgilsson, Otto P.O.; Kristin, married Gudni Backman, she died in 1929; Johanna, married F. Wigger, Detroit, Ill.; Hjalti, deceased; Valgerdur, married V. Kristjansson, Lundar; Holmfridur, married B. Backman, Oak Point; Lilja, married Norman Kristjansson, Lundar; Lara, married Oscar Kristjansson, Lundar; Adalheidur, married Henry Peterson, Lundar; Fridjon, single, at home farming; Otto; Haraldur, married Sveinbjorg Kristjansson, Otto, Man.

JOHANN B. JOHNSON, and his wife Ingibjorg Arnadottir. They settled on 36-19-3 W., but moved away after a few years, first to Oak Point, then to Vancouver, B. C. They had one son, Valtyr, deceased, and an adopted son Carl.

BERGTHOR THORDARSON and his wife Kristiana Sigurdson, settled on N.E. 24-19-4 in 1903.

Their children: Gudrun, married Magnus Arnason, Winnipeg, Man.; Lara, married Ingi Sigurdsson, Winnipeg; Lilja, married Arni Olafsson, Winnipeg; Thordur, married Gudrun Benson, Gimli, Man.



**Ingimundur and Asta Sigurdsson**

**INGIMUNDUR SIGURDSSON** and his wife Asta J. Straumfjord. For many years they farmed on S.E. 34-19-4 W. In 1945 they moved to Lundar village. Their children: Johann, married to Helga Holm, Lundar, Man.; Trausti, married Dorothy Black, Winnipeg, Man.; Bergthora Kristbjorg (Eoa), not married, Winnipeg; Halldora Dyrfinna, married to Ernest Wanko, Winnipeg.

Groa Sigurdson, living with Ingimundur and Asta, Lundar, Man.

Ragnheidur, died in 1936.

**SIGURDUR THORVARDARSON**, and his wife Gudny, came to the district, living in different parts, before they moved to Harperville and later bought a farm in the Haland district.

Their children are: Jonina, married to Jon Rafnkelson, Winnipeg; Valdi, married, farms in the district; Agust, married, in Winnipeg.

**RUNOLFUR PJETURSON** and his wife Holmfridur, lived in the district a few years.

**SIGFUS SIGURDSSON** and his wife Sigurlaug J. Freeman settled on S.W. 30-19-3 W., in 1903. Moved to Oak Point, Man.

Their children: Kristjan, married Birdie Olson, a school teacher in or near Winnipeg; Felix, married Runa Thorgilsson, for some years teacher at Oak Point, and now principal at Lundar school; Johannes, married Bergljot Guttormsson, Winnipeg; Valdheidur, married John Olson, Vestfold, Man.; Jonina, married Herbert Eyjolfsson, Vestfold; Sigrun, married Eirikur Stefansson, Oak Point, Man.; Clara, married G. Stefansson, Oak Point; Franklin, married Dora Gislason, Oak Point; Gudrun, single, Winnipeg, Man.

**SIGURBJORN J. FREEMAN** and his wife, Sigurbjorg Hallbjornsdottir, farmed on N.W. 19-19-3 for many years, then moved to Lundar.

Their children are: A. S. Freeman, married Sigridur Halldorsdottir, Winnipeg; Sigurlaug, married Sigfus Hordal, Lundar; Edvin, married Irhence Nichols, Winnipeg; Kristiana, married Norman Goodman, Winnipeg; Maria, married Oscar Stevenson, Winnipeg; Oskar, single; Victor, single.

Edvin Freeman and the two last mentioned boys served in the last world war.

**JON MYRDAL** and his wife Ingvaldur Gudnadottir. They settled on S.W. 20-19-3 W., in 1903. Jon Myrdal died in 1908, Ingvaldur married later to Jon Johannesson, he died in 1948.

The children of Jon and Ingvaldur were: Gudni Myrdal, his wife Jona Gudrun Gudmundson, their home near Otto, Man.; Kristjan Myrdal, his wife Ethel Hunt, Chicago, Ill. He died in 1946.





Mr. and Mrs. Nikulas Snidal

NIKULAS SNIDAL and his wife Ragnhildur Einarsson, settled on S.W. 20-19-3 W. in 1891. His wife died and he moved away, came back to Lundar with his second wife, Kristin Erlendson, both have now died.

The children of Nikulas and his former wife were: Johann Snidal, his wife Nybjorg Halldorsdottir, their home at Oak Point, Man.; Fridbjofur Snidal, his former wife died and he married again, Kristiana Fjelsted, their home at Steep Rock, where Snidal is a general merchant; Ragnhildur, married to Elmer Nelson, Duluth, Minn.

TORFI JOHNSON and his wife Jorun Jonsdottir were for some time in the district, on section 2-19-3 W., and later moved away to Saskatchewan.



Sigurbjorn Gudmundsson

SIGURBJORN GUDMUNDSSON and his wife Groa Magnusdottir, settled on 32-19-3 W. They had one child, Dora, later Mrs. Hurst, now in Winnipeg. They also brought up his granddaughter, Gudrun, Mrs. Thordarson.

SIGURDUR JOHNSON and his wife Margret, came to the Stony Hill district during the First World War. Settled on section 7-20-3 W., where they farm.

Their children are: Maria, Mrs. Blondahl, in B. C.; David, deceased; Sigmar, Stony Hill; Barney, married Stefania Johnson, Oak Point; Frederick, married Lillian Thorsteinson, Lundar.

ALBERT EINARSSON and his wife Sveinrun Gislason lived on N.E. 20-19-5 W., for many years, then they moved to the village of Lundar, where Albert died in 1947.

Their children are: Jonina, married

Thorgils Oliver, Winnipeg, Ragnhildur, married Kristinn Johnson, Sinclair, Man.; Emily, married S. Johannsson, Lundar; Sigurjon, married Runa Eyford, Lundar; Sigurbjorg, married Norman Oliver, Lundar; Gisli, single, at home; Steinunn, married G. McCollum, Dauphin, Man.; Leo, single, at home.

OLAFUR JONASSON and his wife Sigridur Gunnlaugsdottir, settled on S.W. 31-19-3 W., in 1913. They moved to Lundar where he died.

Their children: Kjartan Olafsson, his wife Margret. Kjartan has been a life insurance agent for many years; Olafia Olafsson, in Winnipeg; Eggert Olafsson, married Lovisa Cowie, Win-

nipeg; Gudny, married J. Siebel, Kenora, Ont.

ARNI EGILSSON and his wife Sigridur, lived for a number of years on section 20-19-3 W., then moved away from the district.

JON VESTDAL and his wife Bjorg Sigurdardottir, settled on 20-19-3 W., in 1891. Their son Victor, married Grace Oliver, Winnipeg, Man.

DANIEL BACKMAN, and his wife Holmfridur, came to Shoal Lake in 1891, settled on section 20-19-3 W. stayed there a year or two, then moved to Winnipeg.

## The Pioneers and Their Children

By RANNVEIG GUDMUNDSON

The following settled on the east side of Shoal Lake, the majority of them living in the Markland district and others at Otto P.O.



Isleifur and Gudleif Johnson

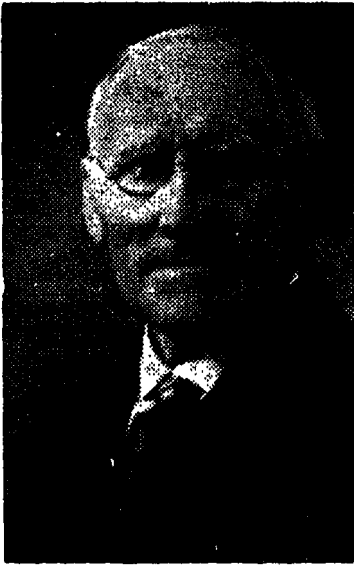
ISLEIFUR GUDJONSON JOHNSON and his wife Gudleif Jonsdottir, moved to Shoal Lake in 1895, settled

on section 4-19-2 W. Isleifur farmed successfully for many years. His widow is now living in Winnipeg.

Their children are: Herman, died in 1947, married Valgerdur Skagfeld; Kristrun, married Steini Skagfeld, Oak Point; Sigurbjorg, a school teacher, (deceased); Jonatan, married Aurora Hordal, Salsona, B. C.; Unnur Sigurlaug, married Hjortur Josephson, Winnipeg.

BORSTEINN JONSSON and his wife Ragnhildur Jonsdottir, settled on S.W. 1/4 section 22-19-3 W., in 1890, later moved to his son's place.

Their children are: Bjorn, married Sigridur Halldorson, Lundar; Ingibjorg, married Bjorn Magnusson, Keewatin, Ont.; Thora, married Mr. Kellogg, Nelson, B. C.



Bjorn S. Lindal

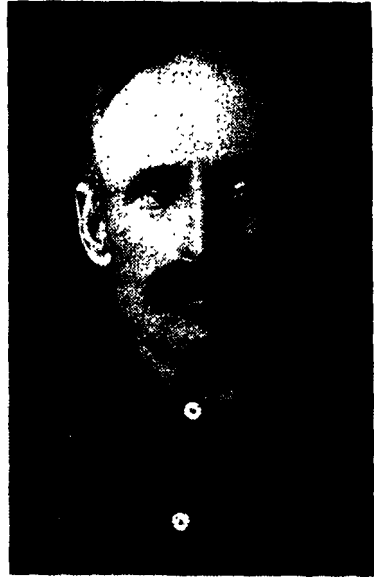


Svava Lindal

BJORN SÆMUNDSON LINDAL and his wife Svava Bjornsdottir moved to Shoal Lake in 1891 and settled on section 6-19-2 W. First postmaster at Markland. They moved to Winnipeg in 1921, where they both died.

Their children are: Karl Franklin, married Frida Helgason, lived on his

homestead near Markland, then moved to Langruth; Luther Melankton, married Rannveig, S. Halldorson, homesteaded near Markland, then moved to Gimli, where he died; George Fjolnir, Reykjavik, Iceland; Leifur Columbus, deceased, married Clara Hordal; Laufey, married Einar Helgason; Winnipeg; Valdis Gudrun, died young; Hjortur Bjorn, married, in U. S. A.

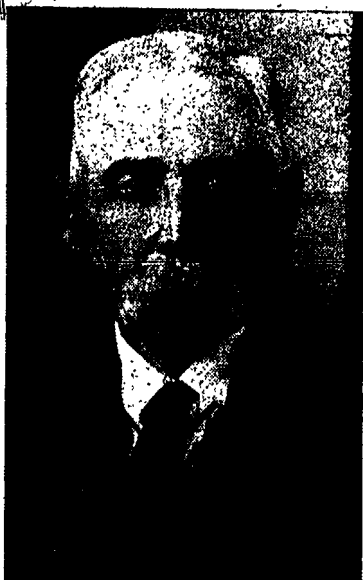


Jon Jonsson Thistilfjord

JON JONSSON THISTILFJORD homesteaded on section 12-19-3 D., in 1891.

FRIDRIK KRISTMANSON and his wife Elin, came to Shoal Lake in 1906, settled on section 24-19-3 W. After a few years they moved to Lundar, then to B. C. Their children are: Daniel, Jonas and Hjortur.

BENEDIKT HJALMSON, single, homesteaded S.W. 1/4, 36-19-3 W. Then moved to Vancouver, B. C.



Bjorn Thorsteinsson



Thuridur Thorsteinsson

**BJORN THORSTEINSSON** and his wife **Thuridur Hjalmsdottir** settled on section 14-19-3 W. She died in 1920. Bjorn farmed for 53 years then moved to Lundar.

Their children are: Gudrun Maria, died in 1913; Rannveig Dorothy, school teacher, for many years, married Bjorgvin Gudmundson, Lundar; Thorsteinn, farmed with his father, died 1944; Ragnheidur, Margret, farmed then moved with her father to Lundar.



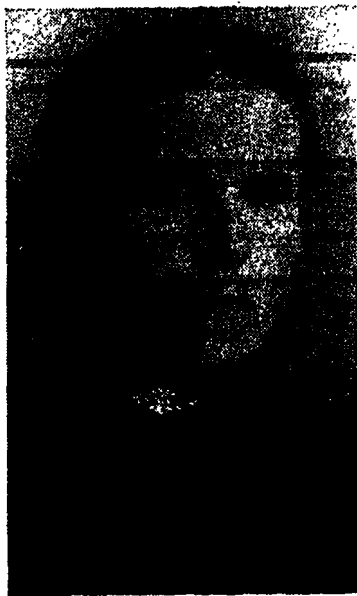
Jacob and Ingibjorg Jonsson

**JACOB JONSSON** and his wife **Ingibjorg Thorsteinsdottir**, settled on section 14-19-3 W. Jacob died in 1900. Ingibjorg farmed with the help of Jon Jonsson Thistilfjord, until 1926, when they moved to Oak Point where Jon died.

The children of Jacob and Ingibjorg were: Thorsteinn, married Katrin Goodman, died in 1941; Jon, married Elizabeth Johnson, Seattle, Wash.; Skafti, Leo, married Inga Bardason, Seattle, Wash.; Kari, married Myrtle Jeffrey, Oak Point; Jonatan Daniel, married Anna Sigurdson, Seattle, Wash.



Daniel Sigurdson



Kristjana Sigurdson

DANIEL SIGURDSON and his wife Kristjana Jorundsdottir, moved to Shoal Lake in 1894, settled on N.W. 22-19-3 W. Farmed for many years but

spent their last years with their children. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1929.

Their children are: Danelia Kristjana married Stefan Danielson, Lundar; Jörundur Hergeir, married Kristjana Margret Sigurdson; Thordur Kristjan, married Kristjana Kristjansdottir; Margret Dagbjort, married Magnus Kristjanson, Lundar; Sigurdur Holm, married Sigridur Borgfjord, Lundar; Kristin Anna, married Sigurdur Eyolfson, in the district; Salome Sigridur, married Jon Th. Johnson, farmed for many years near Bru P.O., Man., now in Vancouver; Hjalmar Freeman, married Holmfridur Johnson, Winnipeg; Jensina Julia, married Guttormur J. Guttormsson, Riverton.



Sigurdur and Sigridur Holm

SIGURDUR HOLM (Danielson) and his wife Sigridur Borgfjord, settled on section 6-20-3 W. Farmed for a number of years, then moved to Lundar.

Their children are: Adolph Leonard, married to Audur Kristjansdottir, Gimli; Gustaf Bernhard, married, in the district; Oswald, deceased; Arnold Willard, married, a medical doctor in Vancouver, B.C.; Daniel, in the district; Helga Gudrun Julia, married Johann G. Sigurdson, Lundar; Svanhvit Lilja, married Cameron Mann, Winnipeg.

KRISTJAN DANIELSON and his wife Kristjana Kristjansdottir, came to Shoal Lake in 1897, settled on section 4-19-2 W. Later moving to a farm near Lundar, Man.

Their children are: Viglundur, in Winnipeg; Trausti, married Sylvia Hordal, Winnipeg; Daniel, married, in Winnipeg; Ingolfur, Winnipeg; Flosi, married, in Winnipeg; Gunnar, Winnipeg; Valgeir, married, Winnipeg; Sigrídur, Winnipeg; Rannveig, an adopted daughter, married, in Winnipeg.

STEFAN DANIELSON and his wife Danelia Kristjana Danielsdottir, came to the district in 1895, settled on S.W. section 22-19-3 W. Farmed for many years, then moved to Lundar, where she died in 1933.

Their children are: Kristjana, married Sigmundur Grimson, Vancouver, B. C.; Daniel, died young; Anna, married Johann Peterson, Vancouver; Haraldur, married Alfifa Thomson, Lundar.

HALLDOR JONSSON and his wife Gudny came in 1891, settled on section 12-19-3 W. Later moved to Gudmundur Stefanson, where they both died.

Their children are: Gudmunda (deceased), married S. Magnusson; Jonina, married Gudmundur Stefanson, Vestfold;



Hergeir Danielson



Kristjana Danielson

JORUNDUR HERGEIR DANIELSON and his wife Kristjana Margreta Sigurdson, settled on section 6-20-3 W.

in 1906. She died in 1943. Then he moved to Lundar.

Their children are: Leo, married Ingibjorg Tomasson, owner of Lundar Transfer, Lundar; Baldwin, married Olga Smith, Lundar; Laufey, married Thorvaldur Gudmundson, Winnipeg; Margret, married Joseph Stevenson, Winnipeg; Herdis, in Vancouver, B.C.; Sigrun, married Douglas Peake, Chilliwack, B. C.; Daniel Kristjan, Lundar.

JONAS HALLDORSSON and his wife Johanna Jonsdottir, settled on S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  section 22-19-3 W., in 1895, where he farmed until his death, his wife moving to Oak Point where she died.

Their children are: Sigridur, married Bjorn Hördal, Lundar; Asgrimur (deceased), married Helga Egilson, Oak Point; Snæbjorn, married Gudny Sig-

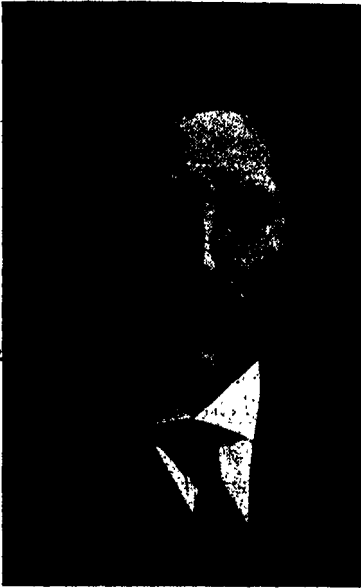
urdson, in the district; Kjartan (deceased), married Mabel Shoefelt; Rannveig Svanfridur, married Luther Lindal (deceased), now married to Thor-dur Isfjord, Gimli; Thorhallur, married Edwardina Nelson, Winnipeg; Nybjorg, married Johann Snædal, Oak Point.

SVEINBJORN SIGURDSON and his wife Eirikka Eiriksdottir came to Shoal Lake in 1891, settled on section 6-19-2 W. Farmed successfully for many years, then moved to Lundar, where they both died.

Their children are: Eirikka Sigurbjorg, married Sigurbjorn Kristjansson, Lundar; Sigurdur, died in 1947; Emalia Adalbjorg, married Ingiberg Ingimundarson, Lundar; Gudny, married Snæbjorn Halldorson.



Jonas and Johanna Halldorsson and family



Gudmundur Torfason



Gudrún Torfason

GUDMUNDUR TORFASON and his wife Gudrún Thorsteinsdóttir, came to Shoal Lake from Iceland in

1900, settled on section 36-19-3 W. He died in 1921. She moved to Lundar.

Their children are: Thorsteinn Goodman, married Ella Gudmundson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ljótun, married Helgi Sveinsson. He died in 1944. She lives at Lundar.



Thorlakur and Steinunn Eirickson

THORLAKUR EINARSSON EIRICKSON and his wife Steinunn settled on section 12-19-3 W., in 1891. Farmed there successfully for many years then moved to a farm near Lundar, where he died. His widow lives at Lundar.

Their children are: Alice, Mrs. McDonald, Winnipeg; Arthur, married Vida Nichols, Lundar; Sigridur, married Henry Knapp, Winnipeg; Ernest, married Anna Magnusson, Elfros, Sask.; Thorbergur, married Olof Goodman,



Lundar; Einar, married Josephine Johnson, Winnipeg; Gudrun Alma, died in 1940.

**JON JONATÁNSON**, his wife Gudrun Sveinungadóttir, came with Isleifur Johnson and stayed there.

Their children are: Gudleif, married Isleifur Johnson; Sigríður, married Ögmundur Bildfeld, Winnipeg; Björg Thorkelson, a well-known school teacher in the early years in the Interlake district. Graduated from Normal school in 1890, was the first Icelandic teacher in Canada.

With him also came his sister Gudrun Jonatansdóttir, who later went to Saskatchewan, also his brother Halldor Jonatanson, and his son Johannes.

**JENS THORGEIRSON** and his wife Anna settled on section 4-19-2 in the 90's. Lived there a few years, then moved to Winnipeg.

**JON HELGASON**, single, homesteaded S.E. 1/4, 26-19-3 W. Now at Gimli, Man.

**SIGURDUR SIGURDSON** came with his son Sveinbjorn and stayed with him, homesteaded section 12-19-3 W.

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The following settled in the Lillesve and Stony Hill district from 1900 to 1910.

**GUDMUNDUR SIGURDSON** and his wife Ingibjörg Halldora Jakobsdóttir, came to Shoal Lake in 1903, settled on section 10-20-3 W. Moved to other farms in the district and later to Lundar, where they died.

Their children are: Thordur, single, Lundar; Ragnar, single, in Winnipeg.



Mr. and Mrs. Snæbjörn Halldorson

**SNÆBJÖRN HALLDORSON**, settled on section 10-20-3, married Gudny Sigurdson.

Their children are: Leo, married Irene Stinson, Lundar; Eirikka Gudrun, married, Kenora, Ont.; Fjola, married G. Fjølsted, Lundar; Jonas, farms with his parents; Lilja, Rose, married, in Winnipeg; Johanna, with her parents.

**RAFNEKELL EIRIKSON**, married Halldora Sveinsson, settled on section 2-20-4 W. They moved to Oak Point, then Lundar, where she died.

Their children are: Geiri, married Gudny Björnson, Lundar; Steinunn, married Archie Peterson, Lundar; Sveinbjörg, married Archie Johnson, Langruth; Eiríkur, Lundar; Rakel, married John Eiríckson, Lundar.



Gudbrandur Jorundson



Johanna Jorundson

**GUDBRANDUR JORUNDSON**, and his wife Johanna Asgeirsdottir, came to Shoal Lake in 1903 or 4. Settled on section 10-20-3 W. Later moved to Lundar, where they died.

Their children are: Asgeir, in the district; Kristinn, married Lara Jonsen, Oak Point; Herdis, married Gudjon Thorkelson, Deerhorn, Man.; Thuridur, married Nils Lansign, Los Angeles, Cal.; Kristin, Mrs. Mitchell, Los Angeles; Oscar, married Grace Sigurdson, Gimli, Man.; Adalheiður, Mrs. McNutt, Los Angeles, Cal.; Gudjon Franklin, married, Winnipeg.

**PHILIP JOHNSON** and his wife Thordis Thorsteinsdottir, settled on section 12-20-4 W. Farmed for a number of years then moved to Lundar, where he died, his widow moving to Winnipeg.

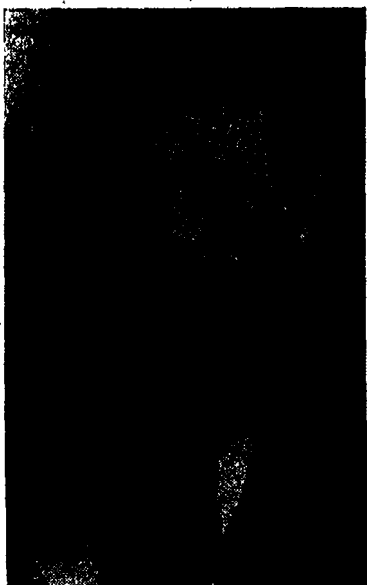
Their children are: Steina, lives in Winnipeg; Gilbert, killed in World War I; Paline, married E. Smith, Winnipeg; Walter, married Sigridur Erlandson, Winnipeg; Thorsteinn, Winnipeg; Laufey, married Franklin Lindal, Winnipeg.

**ERIKUR RAFNKELSON** and his wife Steinunn, settled on section 2-20-4.

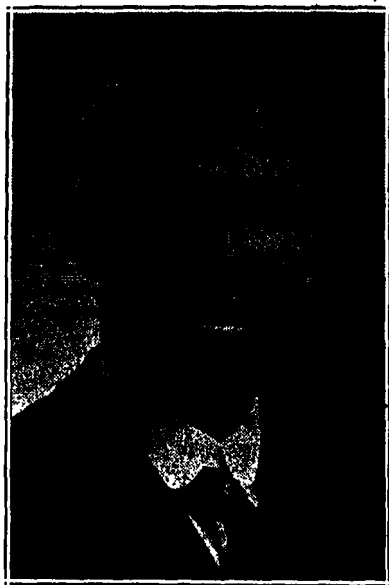
Their children are: Sigridur, died 1948, married Sigfus Borgfjord, Lundar; Rafnkell, married Hallora Sveinson, Lundar; Jon, homesteaded section 35-19-4, Lundar; Jon married Jonina Thorvardarson, they live in Winnipeg.

**GESTUR SIGURDSON** and his wife Valgerdur, settled on section 22-19-2 W., Neveton P.O. They both died there.

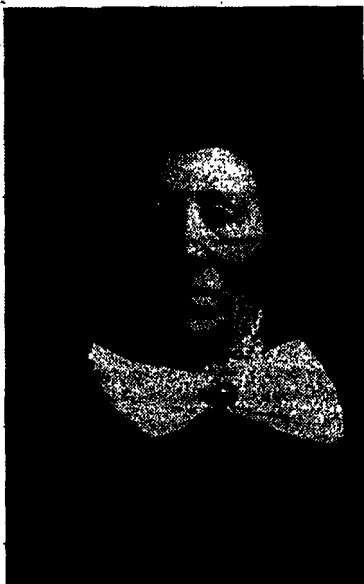
Their children are: Gestur, married Nellie Shewfield, lives in the district; Ludvik, married Grace Shewfield, lives in the district; Sigridur, married Harry Smith, Neveton, Man.; Signy, married at Neveton; Bjarndis, married Victor Gillis; Caroline, Lundar; Victoria, Mrs. Johnson, Lundar; Holmfridur, Mrs. J. Bailey, Lundar; Bogi, farmer at Neveton; Emil, married in Saskatchewan.



**Vigfus Josefson**



**Steinþór Vigfusson**



**Gudrun Josefson**

**VIGFUS JOSEFSON** and his wife Gudrun, settled on section 16-20-3 W. Had one son, Steinþór (deceased).

**JOHN OLESON** and his wife Elin settled on section 6-20-2 W., farmed for a few years, then moved back to North Dakota, U.S.A.

Their children are: John, a veteran of Hong Kong, World War 2; Peter, at home; Stefan, killed in Word War 2; Gudrun, married; Holmfridur, married, and now living in North Dakota.

**BJORN MAGNUSSON** and his wife Ingibjorg Hordal, settled on a farm east of Markland P.O. Lived there a few years, then moved to Keewatin, Ont.

Their children are: Magnus, married, Keewatin, Ont.; Margret, Keewatin, Ont.

**ARMANN THORDARSON** and his first wife Steinunn, settled on section 14-20-4 W. They had one daughter, Sigridur, Mrs. Halldorson. He married again to Solveig Thordarson. They had a big family that have all moved away from the district.



**Pjetur Bjarnason**

**PJETUR BJARNASON** and his wife Holmfridur, settled on section 2-20-3 W. Sold the farm in 1919.

Their children are: Kristjan, married, in Winnipeg; Jonina, Mrs. Westman, Gimli; Bjarni, married Una Torfason, Winnipeg.

**JON BJARNASON** and his wife Thuridur, settled on section 2-20-3 W. She died in 1908, and he moved out of the district.

Their children are: Arnfridur, married Stefan Anderson (deceased); Ingridur, married Jon Straumfjord, Vancouver; Sesselia, deceased; Bjarni, deceased.

**PJETUR THORSTEINSON** and his wife Kristin, settled on section 12-20-4 W.

Their children are: Barney, married Annie Manshriek, farming on section 12-20-4; Sigursteinn, married Svava Hordal, Lundar; Petra, married, in Seattle.



**Jon and Kristjana Jonasson**

**JON JONASSON** and his wife Kristjana, settled on section 16-20-3 W. Both dead.

Their children are, Guðbjörg, married Jon Stefanson, they settled on section 10-20-3 W., where he died. She is on the farm. Hannes, married, Riverton; Sigridur, married Snaðjorn Johnson, reeve of Bifrost man.; Bergman, Dadi and Theodora, all farming on the original homestead.

**INGIMUNDUR GUDMUNDSON** and his wife Solborg Rafnsdottir, settled on section 16-19-2 W., then moved to section 16-20-3 W., later moving to Lundar, where they died.

Their children are: Julius, married, Winnipeg; Gudmundur, married; Ingimundur, Lundar; Ingibergur, married Emelia Sigurdson, Lundar; Rafn, Lundar.

**JON JONASSON** and his wife Agusta Johannesdottir, settled on section 1-20-4 W.

Their children are: Asta, married, at The Pas, Man.; Vilhjalmur, married, at The Pas, Man.; Lara, married Kristinn Jorundson, Oak Point; Thorstina, died 1947.



**Brynjolfur and Margret Johnson**

**BRYNJOLFUR JOHNSON** and his wife Margret Palsdottir, settled on section 14-20-4. He died in 1946.

Their children are: Palina, school teacher at Lundar; Rosa, school teacher at Lundar; Hlif, married Helgi Thomson, Langruth; Ragnar, and Hjalti, on the farm with their mother.

**JON GUDMUNDSON** and his wife Kristin Eyjolfssdottir, settled on section 18-20-3 W.

Their children are: Sigridur, married Benedikt Rafnkelson, Lundar, and

**GUDMUNDUR JOHNSON**, postmaster, storekeeper and farmer at Stony Hill for many years, also a councillor for the Municipality of Coldwell. He

died in 1944. His wife, Kristin Rafnkelson, died a few years before. Their sons, John and Leslie, operating the farm at Stony Hill. Leslie is a councillor for the municipality.



**Rev. Albert E. and Anna Kristjanson**

**REV. ALBERT E. KRISTJANSON** and his wife Anna, settled on section 13-20-3 W. After a few years they moved to Lundar, then to Blaine, Wash. He served the Unitarian congregation at Otto and Mary Hill from 1908 to 1928.

Their children are: Nanna, married Leo Sigurdson, B.C.; Hjalmar, Minstrel Island, B.C.; Sigrun, married, Calgary; Johanna, married Victor Harkoff, Bellingham, Wash.

**EINAR THORLEIFSON** and his wife Gudridur, settled on section 14-20-4 W., where they died.

Their children are: Sigfus, died from effects of World War 1; Thorleifur, Alberta; Gunnar, Alberta; Larus, married, in Winnipeg; Lauga, married, California, U.S.A.; Steinunn, married, in Alberta; Vilmonda, married, in Alberta.

**BJARNI SIGURDSON** and his wife Elin, settled on section 18-20-3 W. They had no children.

**GUDMUNDUR THORLEIFSON** and his wife Vilborg, settled on section 14-20-4 W., where they died.

Their children are: Sigrídur, Mrs. Wilfe, Vancouver, B. C.; John, married, on the original farm.

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The following settled on the west side of Shoal Lake, most of them living in the Vestfold district.



**Ingimundur and Marselía Jónsson**

**INGIMUNDUR JONSSON** and his wife Marselia, came in the 90's, settled on section 4-19-3 W. After farming there a few years they moved to Brown P.O., Man.

**GUDMUNDUR EINARSON** and his wife Krístin Benjaminsdóttir came to the district in 1891, and settled on section 16-19-3 W. They raised Sigrun, who later married Paul Paulson.



**Sigrídur, Gudrun and Gudmundur Pjeturson**

**GUDMUNDUR PJETURSON** and his wife Kristjana, came in 1891, lived in the district a few years. His wife died and he moved away.

Their children are: Sigrídur (deceased), a school teacher, married Thorsteinn Jónsson; Gudrun, a school teacher, married Rognvaldur Peterson, Oak View, Man.; Bessi, adopted by Bessi Tomasson.

**JACOB CRAWFORD** and his wife Helga, moved to Shoal Lake in 1890. Was there only one year, then moved with his family to Westbourne.

**HALLDOR EINARSON** and his wife Vilborg, came to Shoal Lake in the early 90's. Settled on section 10-19-3.

Their children are: Sigurbjorg, in Winnipeg; Einar, married Svanborg Eiríkson, Clarkleigh, Man.



Stefan B. Byron



Gudbjorg Byron

STEFAN BJORNSON BYRON and his wife Gudbjorg Sigurdardottir settled on section 10-19-3 W. in 1893. — Were prosperous farmers for many

years then moved to Oak Point, where they both died.

Their children are: Kari, Reeve of the Municipality of Coldwell, married Anna Myrdal, Lundar; Soffia, married Grimur Thorkelson. They farmed in the district. Both are dead; Bjorn, married Pansy Diell, Oak Point; Bessi, married May Ames, Oak Point; Jarnbra, married J. Vigfusson, Lundar, Laufey, married Frank Taylor, Oak Point; Audur, Mrs. Kilcup, Winnipeg; Helga, Mrs. Mason, B. C.; Ellen, Mrs. Chester, Winnipeg; Fridþjofur, married Dorothy Moorhouse, Oak Point.

GUDMUNDUR JONSSON AUSTFJORD and his wife Johanna came to the district in 1897. His wife died and he married Gudfridur Pjetursd. After 2 years they moved to Portland, Oregon, coming back in 1917, settling on section 32-18-3.

His children are: Katrin, married Hilmik, Jacobson, Washington; Bjorn, married Gudny Stefanson, farms in the district; Kristinn, married Anne Hartman, Lundar; Johannes, adopted by Kristjan Vigfusson and his wife, as mentioned in another place.

JON HANNESSON and his wife Osk, moved to Shoal Lake in 1891 and settled on section 10-19-3 W.

Their children are: Thorleifur, married, Ideal, Man.; Malfridur, married Finnbogi Thorgilson; Bjarnrun (deceased); Sigridur, left the district early.

After the death of his first wife Jon married Gudrun Gudmundson. At his death she went to Swan River, where she died.

MAGNUS FREEMAN came to Shoal Lake with his son Arni in 1891, homesteaded on section 36-18-3 W.



**Sigurdur J. Myrdal**



**Sigridur Myrdal**

**SIGURDUR JONSSON MYRDAL** and his wife **Sigridur Gudmundsdottir**, came to the district in 1903, settled on section 4-19-3 W.

Their children are: Hallur, married;

Anna, married Kari Byron, Lundar; Sigrun, married Wilfred Brodley, Winnipeg; Gudmundina, married Frank Masson, Winnipeg.



**Finnbogi and Malfridur Thorgilsson**

**FINNBOGI THORGILSSON** settled on section 4-19-3 in 1891. He married Malfridur Hannesson. He died some years ago. She runs the farm with the help of her children.

Their children are: Kristin, on the farm with her mother; Oscar, married to Helga Arnason, a blacksmith in Lundar; John, married Anna Gudmundson, farming near Lundar; Albert, farms with his mother; Thorgils, married Lilja Einarson, Lundar; Norman, married Thora Benjaminson,



Lundar; Emily, married Gunnlaugur Benjaminson, Lundar; Runa, married Felix Sigurdson, Lundar; Asta, married H. Benedictson, Otto, Man.

JON EIRIKSON and his wife Elin Thorsteinsdottir, settled on section 16-19-3 W., in 1900, where they farmed for many years, later moving to Lundar. She died in 1944.

Their children are: Einar, married Katrin Goodman, Vancouver, B. C.; Sigurdur, killed in World War 1; Svanborg, married Einar H. Einarson, Clarkleigh, Man.

FRED J. OLSEN bought Kristjan Vigfusson's farm on section 2-19-3 W. Stayed there a few years, then moved to his present farm on section 30-18-2 W. His wife is Augusta Johnson.

Their children are: John, married Valdheidur Sigurdson, farmer and store keeper at Vestfold; Skuli, married Ethel Herberts, B. C.; Stefania, Mrs. Morris, Vancouver, B. C.; Bjorgvin, farms with his father.

BJORN JOHNSON and his wife Stefania came to the district in 1894, settled on section 34-18-3 W., where they died.

Their children are: Augusta, married Fred J. Olsen, Vestfold; Jonina, on the old homestead; Einar, married Sigurbjorg Einarson, a prosperous farmer and business man at Oak Point, Man. Bjorg died in 1920.

GUDMUNDUR ISBERG and his wife Olafia, lived in the Vestfold district a few years in the early days, then moved to the Siglunes district.

They adopted three children: Soffia, married, Fowler; Sveinn in Vancouver; Lilja, married Oli Einarson, at Fort William.



A. M. Freeman



Mrs. A. M. Freeman

ARNI MAGNUSSON FREEMAN, a prominent farmer and postmaster at Vestfold, Man. His wife was Elizabet Bjornsdottir. They came to the district

in 1891 and settled on section 36-18-3 W. Stayed there many years, then moved to Winnipeg, where they both died.

Their children are: Vilbald, married Lena Skagfeld, Winnipeg; Magna, Mrs. Statton, Winnipeg; Magdalena, Mrs. Cameron, Nova Scotia; Ada, Winnipeg; Gudrun, Mrs. Christie, Winnipeg; Emily, married, California, U.S.A.



**Bessi and Jarnbra Tomasson  
and Bessi Peterson**

BESSI TOMASSON and his wife Jarnbra came to the Shoal Lake district in 1891 and homesteaded near Vestfold, where they both died. They did not have any children of their own, but adopted Bessi Peterson. He moved away from the district after the death of his foster parents and he is married at Gimli, Man.



**Bjorn and Sigridur Hordal**

BJORN HORDAL and his wife Sigridur Halldorson moved to Shoal Lake in 1891 and settled on the S.W. of 32-19-3, where they farmed until they moved into Lundar recently. Their children are: Gudrun Johanna, single in Chicago; Leo Thorstein, single, on the farm; Edrick Roland, married Mary Russels, in the N.W.T.; Lilja, married Harry Reid, Winnipeg; Clara, married William Ward, Winnipeg; Svava, married Sigurstein Thorsteinson, at Lundar; Aurora, married Jonatan Johnson, in B. C.

GUDMUNDUR STEFANSON came to Shoal Lake in 1891. His wife is Jonina Jonsson. He settled on section 26-18-3 W., where they still farm.

Their children are: Sigurlaug, an adopted daughter, married Bjarni Nordal, a farmer near Lundar; Gudny, married to Bjorn Austfjord, in the district; Halldor, on the farm; Gudrun, married Hugo Koche; Lilja, Mrs. Hicks, Inwood, Man.; Baldur, Winnipeg; Fjola, married, in B. C.

**SVEINN SVEINSON** and his wife Kristin, settled in 1891 on section 16-19-3 W., but left the district after a year or two.

**GUDMUNDUR THORLEIFSON** and his wife Vilborg Jonsdottir came to the Lundar district about 1900 and settled on section 14-20-4. They are both dead. Their children are: Sigridur, married Philip Wolfe, in Vancouver; John, married Jean Robertson, living on the old homestead.

**HALLDOR EINARSON** and his wife Vilborg Gudlaugsdottir came to Shoal Lake in 1892 and settled on section 10-19-3. They both died on their homestead. Their children are: Einar, married Svanborg Eirikson; Gudny and Sigurborg, whereabouts unknown to writer.

**JOHN HORDAL Sr.**, came to this district at the turn of the century, took up the N.E. 17-19-4 W., later moving to Lundar where he died. John Hordal Jr., came to this district about 1902 on his return from the Klondyke. John was in his younger days a good long distance runner and took part in two 24 hour races and placed in both. He took up the S.E. 17-19-4 W. He married Kristiana Sigfusson, now deceased. Their children are Sigfus, married Sigurlaug Freeman, living at Lundar; Halldor, deceased; Skuli, married Miss Gillis, at



**John and Sigridur Erickson and their two oldest children, Bjarni and Margret**

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Flin Flon; Valdimar, married, at Oak Point; Oscar, married Evalin Einarson, at Lundar; Victoria, deceased; Sigridur, married John Hallson, Winnipeg; Silvia, married Trausti Danielson, Winnipeg; Johanna, now Mrs. Gatehouse, Winnipeg. John is now living at Lundar.

**GUNNAR HOLM** and his wife Gudny, came here about 1894 and settled on the N.E. 30-19-4 W. They moved away from this district to Siglunes about 1905, where they both died. Their children are: Stefan, deceased; John, in Ontario; Sigfus, at Ashern; Sigridur, in Ontario; Gunnar, at Camper, Man.; Randver, in Ontario.

## *Merchants and Enterprises*

By JOHN SIGURJONSSON

The first store among the Icelanders was started in 1895 by Halldor Halldorson and his son Johann on the N.W. quarter of 36-19-5. After four years Joe took the business over and moved to his own homestead on the S.W. of 36-19-5, where he carried on business until he moved to Oak Point when the railroad came there in 1904. In 1912 he came back to Lundar to start a meat market, and was also engaged in the cattle and fish business. In 1919, with his father and brothers Kris and Halldor Jr., he built a large store at Lundar with a dance hall upstairs. This building is described more fully in another article. They sold the store in 1923 to the Consolidated Farmers with John Sigfusson in charge.

In 1908 Snæbjörn Einarson bought out Joe Halldorson's Lundar store. He moved the business to the siding when Lundar became a station, in the fall of 1911, and operated there until 1915, when the Lundar Trading Co., Ltd. started. The principal owners were Paul Reykdal, Snæbjörn Einarson and D. J. Lindal. In 1919 the company built a big cement store and did a big business there until 1925, when they sold out. The building is now operated by V. J. Guttormson, John Guttormson and Oscar Eyolfson as the G. & E. Cash Store. Oscar has been connected with this store, as a clerk and later as a partner, since it was built.

About 1895 John Sigfusson started in the cattle business and continued that for many years. In 1903 he moved to a ranch at Clarkleigh and built a store that he operated in addition to his other enterprises until he sold the ranch and

moved back to Lundar. During his operations at Clarkleigh, John was very active in the cattle business, and sometimes shipped whole trainloads of cattle to Winnipeg.

About 1895 James Walton, from Stonewall, started buying cattle at Lundar, Shoal Lake and all along Lake Manitoba to the narrows. With him was Skuli Sigfusson. About 1911 Skuli took over the cattle business and carried it on for a number of years. Skuli was also interested in the implement business on a large scale, building implement sheds at Lundar and Ashern and operating for many years. For some time he sold Chevrolet cars.

In 1890 the Langleys started a cheese factory at Mary Hill. This was later taken over by John Sigurdson, who operated it for years until the creamery started at Lundar.

About 1900 John Lindal started a store on his homestead, the S. E. of 10-20-15. He operated that store in addition to his farming operations for many years.

In 1910 John and Gudrun Eyolfson built a boarding house at Lundar. This was later rebuilt by L. Halldorson and, as the Lundar Hotel, has changed hands several times. At various times it has belonged to V. J. Guttormson, Kari Byron and others.

About 1912 John Bodvarson built a pool room and barber shop in Lundar. He sold it in 1914 to Bjarni Bjarnasson. This place has changed hands several times and is now operated as a store by Douglas Mark and his wife, Ruby Halldorson Mark.

About 1912 Gudmundur Sigurdson

started a harness shop in Lundar. He operated it for some years, then moved to a farm and later to Widewater, Alta. The shop was operated by Jack Bailey for many years as a barber shop and confectionery, and finally sold to Bill Halldorson, who operates a cafe there.

In 1912 Kris Halldorson and John Bergthorson built a large livery barn at Lundar. Later the Halldorson brothers bought John Bergthorson's interest and later sold it to Paul Johnson. Paul sold to Joe Vigfusson, who discontinued the business owing to changed conditions.

About 1916 the Breckman brothers, Gudmundur, Kristjan and Thorarin, bought out the Lake Manitoba Trading Co. store at Lundar and operated it for many years. They sold the business to the Consolidated Farmers in 1923. This store changed hands several times and is now operated as the Johnson store, owned by Niss, Axel and Oscar Johnson. When the Breckman brothers bought out the Lake Manitoba Trading company the sale included the lumber yard. This was not sold to Consolidated Farmers and Mundi operated it for some years. This lumber yard and general store are still in the Breckman family, at present operated by Walter and Gudlauger Breckman.

About 1920 Einvardur and Thorarin Breckman built a store at Lundar and operated for three or four years, when Einvardur moved to Winnipeg. This is now operated by A. V. Olson as a bakery.

The first man to bring cars into Lundar was Joe Halldorson, who became the Ford agent in 1915. He continued selling cars until 1923, when D. J. Lindal took over the agency and has had it ever since. When Lundar Trading sold out in 1925, Dan started a gar-

age and Imperial Oil agency which he still operates along with a fish business. Oscar Sigurdson is in partnership with Dan in the garage.

About 1933 Haraldur Danielson built a garage at Lundar and has operated it ever since. He also sells Plymouth and Dodge cars and John Deere machinery.

In 1930 Leo Danielson, with his brothers, Baldwin and Daniel, started a trucking business between Lundar and Winnipeg. They have carried on this venture successfully ever since.

In 1923 a box factory was started at Lundar by Bjorn Mathews, Helgi Sveinson and Paul Reykdal. This was operated for three years, then the supply of wood ran out and Helgi turned it into a lighting plant. After a few years the plant burned down and the town was without electricity until Axel Johnson brought a new lighting plant to the town about 1930. Axel is also a fairly large-scale tractor operator and builder.

One of the earliest stores in the eastern part of the district was operated by Fred Olson and his brother Oli. In 1905 the arrival of the railroad to Oak Point changed business conditions, and Olsons quit the store shortly after.

B. S. Lindal ran a store in connection with his farm at Markland for some years. Magnus Kristjansson started a co-operative store at Otto later taking it over himself. When he moved into Lundar he continued with the store there until he died. The store was then sold to Kjartan Johnson and later taken over by John Halldorson, who is operating it at the present time. Helgi Oddson had a store for some years on the S.W. of 27-20-5.

Gudmundur Johnson operated a

store at Stony Hill for many years on the S. W. quarter of 18-20-3.

James Topping started a store at Lundyville in 1906 and operated same for several years.

### OAK POINT

When the railroad came to Oak Point in 1904, Joe Halldorson built a store there. He did a big business for a number of years, and was also interested in the fish business, implements, cattle, etc., until he moved to Lundar. Paul Reykdal had a store there for some years, then moved to Lundar after the railroad was extended. J. H. Johnson did a big fish business at Oak Point for some years until he moved away. At present Einar Johnson and Paul Einarson are the merchants at Oak Point.

In the early years there were at Oak Point the Lake Manitoba Trading Co., run by Robert Smith; the Hudson Bay

company post, the first business enterprise in the northern district, with William Clark as manager; a hotel run by Gavin Willis and Alfred Hackland, who also operated a livery business; Alex Smith had a pool room and barber shop and has at present a large business in lumber and building supplies. Angus Pritchard was an old pioneer of Oak Point, and had a boarding house and feed barn and was postmaster for over thirty years.

The first man to start a store at Clarkleigh was Ben Rafnkelson. When he moved to Birch Island he sold out to the Lundar Trading company. This store is now owned and operated by Paul Phippen.

Ambrose Brunt ran a store for some years on the N.E. of 31-19-5 and later with his brother, A. J. Martin. Martin carried on the store after Ambrose died until about 1915. H. B. C. Fisher and Carr had a store at Lundyville for some years and also operated a fish business.



Alex McLeod on his Indian Pony

## University Graduates

By BJORN STEFANSSON

In the year 1887 a few Icelanders, mostly recently-arrived from their homeland, desired to locate in that part of Manitoba that has become known as the Lundar and Shoal Lake districts.

The colonization of these districts as far as made by the Icelanders was accomplished in about twenty years. That is to say that there have been very few immigrants from Iceland settling in these districts since the year 1907.

In the month of July of the year 1947 a very appropriate Jubilee gathering was celebrated at Lundar, where a large number of the surviving pioneers spent an unforgettable day of reunion with friends of their years of prowess which now has in many respects become to them and to the younger generation "Romance".

For a short period in the history of these settlements their young people took a considerable interest in education and the number of students seeking higher education at the various departments of the University of Manitoba was quite large for the population of the districts.

The committee in charge of publication of a souvenir booklet commemorating the gathering of pioneers and their friends at Lundar has taken notice of this activity and we hereby record for that effort the names of those young people, sons and daughters of the pioneers, who have graduated from the University of Manitoba up to and including the year 1928:

Salome Halldorson, B. A. 1910

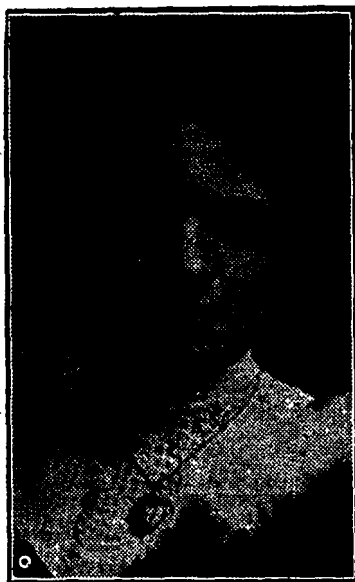
Stefan Agust Bjarnason, B. A. 1911

Hjalmur F. Danielson, B. S. A. 1915

Sigfus Sigfusson, B. S. A. 1914

Stefan Bjorgvin Stefansson, B. A. 1915  
 Kristjan Jens Backman, M. D. 1919  
 Holmfridur Salome Einarson, B.A. 1922  
 Agnar Rae Magnusson, B. A. 1923  
 Kristjan Bergthor Sigurdson, B.A. 1923  
 Jon Vidalin Straumfjord, B. A. 1923  
 Einar Hillman Erickson, M. D. 1925  
 Petur Bergvin Guttormson, M. D. 1928  
 Thorarinn Victor Johnson, B. A. 1928  
 Gudmundur Paulson, M. D. 1928

Three of the above named have taken further degrees. Stefan A. Bjarnason, B. S. A. at the University of Manitoba in 1915 and M. Sc. in 1920 at Berkeley University, Cal. He was there awarded the James Rosenberg Scholarship in agriculture. Agnar R. Magnusson, M. A. in 1925 and Sigfus Sigfusson, took an M. Sc. degree at the Minnesota University.



SALOME HALLDORSON, ever since her graduation with honors and a medal in modern languages in 1910,

has been engaged in the teaching profession through all its few ups and many downs. Her work at the Jón Bjarnason Academy has been spoken of by the late Hjortur Leo and by Dr. Runolfur Marteinsson in terms of highest praise. The same report comes to our notice whenever information is sought on the kind of teaching that instructs and inspires. Miss Halldorson has taken graduate courses in her chosen subjects — even going to France for French.

Collaterally to the busy life of a teacher, Miss Halldorson has found time to engage in music, playing two musical instruments with the skill of inborn ability.

Then, as if school teaching was not sufficiently reformatory to the nation, Miss Halldorson adopted Social Credit as her vehicle for the cure of all ills and was elected to the legislature after a fiery campaign that smoked our veteran parliamentarian and placed Miss Halldorson in the legislature as member for St. George constituency for four years. Incidentally, this is the Lundar district constituency where the pioneer Halldorsons settled when they came from Iceland and where most of their remaining descendants still have their homes.

**STEFAN AGUST BJARNASON** came to Wesley College in the year 1903 — the same year as Miss Halldorson. These young people would have graduated in the year 1909 if they had not needed to reinforce their finances a bit on the way beyond teaching through the college vacation. One year was taken out by Miss Halldorson and two by Mr. Bjarnason.

Stefan was a very keen student and took scholarships in his primary. Then his views on college changed slightly

and he went in for athletics. His prowess in this endeavour will never be forgotten by his associates, for at the University sports in 1908 he came through with three firsts against a formidable field of seasoned runners. All this at a



**Stefan Agust Bjarnason**

weight of about 130 on a rain-soaked track at River Park.

After graduation Stefan enrolled in the Agricultural College and graduated from there in the year 1915.

Stefan enlisted in the army in the 1914-18 war, but was medically unfit for service overseas. On being discharged from the army at the end of 1918 he was appointed to a fellowship at an American university (Berkeley) and was just completing his Doctor's degree in science when he was laid low by a fatal malady. He died in Winnipeg in November, 1922, when he was 36 years old.





SIGFUS SIGFUSSON was a classmate of Hjalmur F. Danielson, also were they roommates. Both took their work very seriously. Hjalmur quietly, Sigfus vociferously and clamorously. With the latter scientific agriculture was a mission.

Sigfus was a sargent in the army and, like Hjalmur, served in the army nigh three years in Canada, England and France.

After demobilization, Sigfus taught agriculture in the high schools for some time but soon settled down to experimental field agriculture, specializing mostly in grain and cereals. Sigfus had a reputation as a first-class field scientist and a high authority in the Department at Ottawa told the writer at Sigfus' funeral that the western farmers had this man to thank for millions of dollars put in their pockets by his patient and painstaking researches.

This goes farther than western farmers; it goes to the solution of our

food problems with one of the finest and most nutritious foods known to man.

Minnesota University conferred a Master of Science degree on this worthy man and he was well on the way to a doctorate when his untimely death came at 44 years of age.

His last act was to rescue a companion from drowning, but in that effort, with characteristic abandon, gave his life as if it were but a leaf and he the owner of all the forests.



#### JON VIDALIN STRAUMFJORD

One of the most discerning members of the faculty of Manitoba University told the writer that John Straumfjord, in his senior years, had the finest mind he had come into contact with in his twenty years of academic work.

John emigrated to the United States shortly after graduation and for the last fifteen years or so has been practicing medicine in the states of Washington and Oregon.



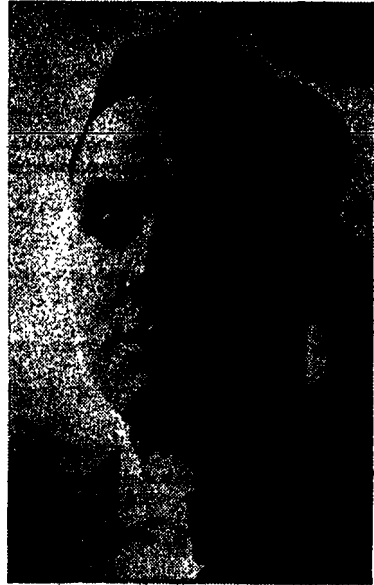
**HJALMUR F. DANIELSON** comes from the Shoal Lake part of the Icelandic settlement above referred to. He entered the Manitoba Agricultural College in 1909, but like many sons and daughters of the pioneers, he had to earn his way through and for that reason dropped out of college one year. He graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1915 in Agricultural Science and was one of the first group of men appointed as Agricultural Representative in Manitoba in 1915. In the spring of 1916 he volunteered for military service and served with the 14th Field Ambulance to the end of the war.

While with the army of occupation in Germany during the winter of 1918-19 he was one of the teachers at the Khaki University.

Since 1919 Hjalmur has been engaged in expert advisory agricultural service as Field Supervisor for the Dominion Government. He has been active in the cultural work of the Icelandic Canadian club and was one of the organizers of the Icelandic Canadian Magazine.

**KRISTJAN JENS BACKMAN**, in thirty crowded years of medical practice, has been a country doctor, no doubt with horse and sleigh for winter operations, and an almost worked-to-

death city specialist in the city of Winnipeg. He has been consulted by governments and associations and yet has come through to almost three score



**Kristjan Jens Backman**

years one of the most youthful of his generation.

Kris could not have done anything better than being a physician. That quiet mien, that impenetrable equanimity, radiates well-being. It gives hope and then health.

Kris, as a boy at school and student in college was always the best at games and sport, and could beat even Paul Reykdal in a hundred yards dash. Likewise a thoroughgoing student. He graduated in medicine from the University of Manitoba in 1919 and later took two years of post-graduate work at Chicago. He was recently appointed provincial director of venereal disease control, succeeding Dr. E. M. Gee. For a few years prior to 1947 he had been part-time director of this work.



**THORARIN VICTOR JOHNSON,** B.A., 1928. Tom, as the subject of this sketch is mostly known, since graduation has engaged in many efforts and due to his great general ability is invariably highly successful.

A friend has said that Tom could sell bathing suits to the Eskimos at Christmastime; which to this writer seems to give Tom a place on the right of the line for salesmanship and the qualities of persuasion and diplomacy thereto appertaining.

At college Tom was to the fore in mathematics and to this day reflects this early preference in reason and argument.

As a soldier in the R.C.A.F. Tom rose from the ranks to squadron leader, which again indicates his adaptability and genius for mastering any subject that comes to hand.

Tom came to college from Minnewakan, where his parents homesteaded and farmed for many years. Several members of the Johnson family have engaged in educational and professional work.



**EINAR HILLMAN ERICKSON,** M.D., 1928, come from that part of the Lundar district which had Mary Hill for its post office.

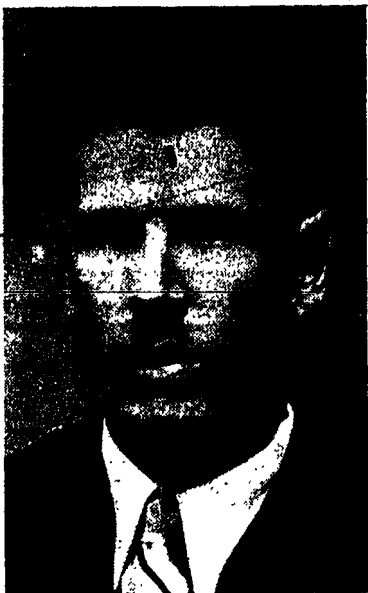
He went to the Mary Hill school and showed an early excellence in singing and drawing, both seeming to come as cradle gifts to this excessively fair-haired boy.

Later Einar became well-known in local athletics and then someone discovered that the boy was also a first-class student.

Like many another in this part of the country, Einar found it difficult to meet expenses out of earnings and was handicapped and delayed much by this situation.

The ability to labor and to wait, coupled with a great tenacity of purpose, has here overcome all difficulties and now, for almost twenty years, Einar has been practising his profession in British Columbia.

Knowing Einar as we do, we feel certain that his many talents are generously given to the community.



**GUDMUNDUR PAULSON, M.D.,** 1928. When you want to meet a real friend of man, and you must find out how that friendship is exercised, just follow a country doctor around for a week or so. That is to say, if you could last out the week.

The motor car has enabled the doctor to visit more places if the roads are passable and the snowmobile has helped out when several feet of snow lay over all the land. But both of these wonders have their limitations and yet the doctor gets there just the same.

Dr. Gudmundur Paulson resides at the village of Lundar, but his medical mission extends in all directions therefrom as far as calls can reach him.

For almost a score of years this conscientious young man has been following this strenuous life from sheer choice and we only hope that Dr. Paulson will realize in time that there is a limit to endurance and prowess and that direction to young men by men of experience is important for the future.



**KRISTJAN BERGTHOR SIGURDSON.** The Sigurdsons are the best-known families in the university. In numbers they are, of course, predominant. (Ref. Nominal Roll of Graduates issued by the University of Manitoba 1928). It will also be found that the scholarship of this group has many firsts among them. (For instance, Dr. L. A. Sigurdson has been a teacher at the Medical College for almost if not over twenty years).

Kristjan does not spoil the average of the group. Since graduation in 1923 he has given his whole effort to teaching and educational administration. A man of prepossessing appearance and fine scholarship.

**STEFAN BJORGVIN STEFANSON** took all his work at Wesley College, taking philosophy and Political Economy in his graduate years. While attending college, Bjorgvin always taught some country school during the college holidays. He continued teaching after graduation and has taught at



**Stefan Bjorgvin Stefansson**

the same school in Tuxedo for over thirty years. In a few cases he is teaching the grandchildren of his first pupils.

Bjorgvin has taught all the subjects of matriculation except Greek, Hebrew and Icelandic and has had about equal use for philosophy and economics in the pursuit of his profession.



**HOLMFRIDUR SALOME EINARSON.**—We now come to a very special type of person and a very special type of ability. Freda was, we believe, the last person to work her way through college and accomplished it by teach-

ing school up to December and then coming to town at mid-term. She always finished up all subjects for the year handsomely in the spring-time.

She continued teaching school for a short time after graduation, then married and moved out to Saskatchewan, where she later taught during the depression years.

About the year 1941 this writer had the good fortune of visiting the Fines' home in Regina and meeting a lovely family of four children then all going to school and enjoying life in the fullest measure.

Shortly after this meeting with the Fines, they moved to Vancouver, where Mrs. Fines died in 1943 after a short illness.

The tenacity of purpose and the will to achieve shown so clearly by this country girl is the very stuff that elevates and sets aside for greatness the individual and nation that possesses it.



**PETUR BERGVIN GUTTORMSON, M.D., 1928,** comes from Lundar village and received his early schooling

mostly there; but possibly more important portions from being a member of the best-known Icelandic literary family in America.

Since graduation Petur has practised out where the north begins, at The Pas and Flin Flon and latterly in the more friendly atmosphere of the Pacific coast.

From what we hear of him from time to time, indicates that he is indeed one worthy of his tribe—which was what we always took him to be, during the time of our acquaintance here among the snows of Winnipeg.

**AGNAR RAE MAGNUSSON.** It may be that others have done similarly in the past, but it is likewise certain that double gold medalists pop up only at long intervals and far apart.

Agnar was the phenomenon of 1923 and appeared at the University of Manitoba. Since graduation Agnar has applied his fine ability to the teaching profession and, incidentally, added to



**Agnar Rae Magnusson**

his academic accomplishments: a masters' degree in arts.

The future will no doubt record further the important work of this brilliant student.

## *University Graduates*

By **HJALMUR F. DANIELSON**

**BJORN STEFANSSON, L.L.B.,** when one and a half years old came with his parents from Iceland, the late Stefan Björnsson and his wife Guðrīður who settled at Mary Hill, near Lundar. After completing matriculation at Wesley College he studied Law for three years and for financial reasons had to work part time. He graduated from Manitoba University in 1915. During that summer he took up military training at the Royal Officers Training School and enlisted in No-

vember in the 79th Batt., with which he served as a Lieutenant until he was transferred to the Air Force. He operated a fighter plane in France. He was severely wounded in May 1918, but he managed to return to his own lines and to make a safe landing. After spending almost two years in hospitals he became a member of the Law Firm of "Lindal, Buhr and Stefansson". During twenty years with that firm he was active in politics and for a number of years was the President of the Conservative As-



**Bjorn Stefansson**

sociation and a Conservative Candidate in North Centre Wpg., in 1940. Bjorn enlisted in July 1940 in the Canadian Army and was slated for duty in Iceland as a Captain, but in March 1941 he took charge of the ground training of the Special Corps of the Elementary Air Training School at Virden, Manitoba, until the end of the war. He is the Registrar of the Land Titles Office at Carman, Man., and is also a Police Magistrate and Deputy Judge of the Juvenile Court.

**WILHELM KRISTJANSON, B.A.**, son of Magnús and Margrét Kristjanson, was born at Otto in the Shoal Lake district December 28, 1896. After spending one term at the Jón Bjarnason Academy he enlisted in the 107th Batt. in January 1916. He served in France with the 44th Batt. and was



**Wilhelm Kristjanson**

wounded on Vimy Ridge. He was transferred to the R.A.F. in 1918 and served there as Lieut. He graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1924. Established University records in indoor mile 1921 and half a mile walk in 1923. Member University Track Team at Inter-U. meet 1923 and awarded "M". Was awarded the I.O. D.E. Overseas Scholarship for Manitoba 1926. St. Catharines' Oxford 1925-1926. Rowed for St. Catharines in "Torpids" and "Summer Eights". Faculty of Education Graduate School, University of Chicago 1927. High School Principal at Manitou, Man., 1930-1937. Department of Education 1937, appointment to Correspondence Branch.

University of Manitoba Con. C.O. T.C., October 1939. Served on Staff as Captain and Adjutant. After the war he resumed his position with the Dept. of Education. He was granted Fellowship through the Government of Manitoba and the Manitoba Historical Society 1947-1948 for the purpose of research and the writing of the History of Icelanders in Manitoba.



**VILHJALMUR J. GUTTORMSSON, M.D.**, was born at Lundar, Man., December 8, 1916. He is the son of Vigfus and Vilborg Guttormsson of Lundar. He received his High School education at Lundar and took his pre-medical course in 1936 and 1937, and a science course in 1938, at the Manitoba University. He entered Medical College in 1939 and graduated 1943. Prior to his graduation he had enlisted in the Canadian Army. After one year's training at Kingston, Ont., he went overseas as a Lieutenant in 1944. He served with the R.C.M.C. in France, Belgium and Germany and returned as a Captain in 1946.

Vilhjalmur started his career in medicine at Vanderhoof, B. C., but at the end of eighteen months he took up further studies at the Vancouver University for seven months. In the spring of 1948 he was engaged as Medical Officer at Kamloops, B. C., by the Dominion Government.



**KJARTAN INGI MÚNDUR JOHNSON, M.D.**, was born near Otto in the Shoal Lake district October 14, 1910. He is the son of Einar and the late Oddfridur Johnson who came from New Iceland in 1902. After completing his studies at the Lundar High School he entered the University where he took two years of Pre-Medical Course. He completed the course at the Medical College and graduated from the University in 1937. Kjartan spent one year as a Doctor at the General Hospital in Winnipeg and one year at Brandon hospital and at The Pas hospital. Next he took special training in Surgery for three months in Winnipeg. Since 1939 he has been located at Gimli, Manitoba, where there is an up-to-date hospital. He is a Health Officer for the Town of Gimli, and as a side line he takes very active part in the community life in the district.





**ARNOLD WILLARD HOLM, M.D.** was born April 10, 1910. He is the son of Sigurður Danielson Holm and his wife Sigríður. He grew up on their farm in the Shoal Lake district. He completed his High School education at Lundar in 1927. His education was interrupted at intervals for financial reasons. He commenced the Pre-Medical course in 1929 at the Manitoba University and entered the Medical College in 1931. Again he dropped out in order to work. He graduated in 1937 and secured an L.M.C.C. Arnold spent eighteen months as Resident House Surgeon at St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, B. C., and in 1939 located as Medical Doctor at Sechelt, B. C., where he was also Health Officer, Coroner and Medical Officer for the Indian Reserve. He moved to Vancouver in 1944 where he has an Office in the Medical Building. Arnold has made special study of surgery and obstetrics.

**JONAS H. V. RAFNKESSON, B.A.**, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rafnkelsson of Lundar, Man. He was

born at Clarkleigh near Lundar April 16, 1916. After leaving High School he managed to earn his way through higher education mostly by teaching school at intervals. He taught school at Mafeking, Man., in 1941, and at the North Lakeland School, Man., in 1944, but completed his interrupted studies and graduated from the Manitoba University in 1947 and has secured a Diploma in Education. In 1947-1948 he was Principal of the school at East Selkirk, Man. He is at present teaching at a large High School at Minitonas, Man.

## Guðmundur E. Björnsson

By S. B. Stefansson



**GUÐMUNDUR EIRÍKUR (ERIC) BJÖRNSSON** — born, brought up and partly educated in the Lundar district — is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Björn Björnsson (Laufás).

In Winnipeg he completed his Normal School Training and began teaching at an early age.

April 1942, he married Margaret Oddny, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Eiríksson of Oakview, Manitoba.

Eric's university studies were interrupted in December 1942, when he joined the R.C.A.F. and went overseas in 1944 as an Aeronautical Navigator.

In 1945, in England, he received his commission of P.O.

While in the combat zone Eric made twenty-three successful trips over enemy territory — such as Munich, Stettin, Hamburg, etc., and always returned unharmed.

Returning to Canada in August 1945,

Eric entered the last lap of his B.A. course at the University of Manitoba, from where he graduated in 1947.

Eric's career as teacher commenced in 1935. He has been employed in that capacity, by the Winnipeg School Board since 1947.

## Teachers, Nurses and Students

By PAUL REYKDAL

RANNEVEIG THORSTEINSON, daughter of Bjorn and Thuridur Thorsteinson, now Mrs. Bjorgvin Gudmundson.

SIGRIDUR and GUDRUN PETURSSON, daughters of Gudmundur and Kristiana Petursson. Sigridur married Thorstein Johnson.

EMMA SIGURDSON, daughter of John and Palina Sigurdson, still teaching.

GUDNY MAGNUSSON, daughter of Olafur and Bjorg Magnusson, still teaching.

PALINA, ROSA and HLIF JOHNSON, daughters of Brynjolfur and Margaret Johnson. Palina and Rosa are still teaching. Hlif married Helgi Thomson at Langruth.

ASLAUG VESTMAN, daughter of John and Sigridur Vestman, now Mrs. Paul Phippen.

THORA OLAFSON, daughter of Stefan and Petrina Olafson, married to Louis Muir.

RAGNHILDUR JOHNSON, daughter of Sigurdur and Gudrun Johnson, still teaching.

DAGBJORT, daughter of Snæbjorn and Ingibjorg Johnson, now Mrs. Potter.

ALDIS MAGNUSSON, daughter of

Magnus and Eygerdur Olafson, now deceased.

SARAH RAFNKELSON, daughter of Ben and Sigridur Rafnkelson, now Mrs. Arthur Symons.

GUDNY KRISTJANSON, daughter of Sigurbjorn and Sigurborg Kristjanson, now Mrs. Long.

LILJA THORDARSON, daughter of Bergthor and Kristiana Thordarson, married Arni Olafson.

BERGTHOR EMIL JOHNSON and his sister LILJA, son and daughter of Einar and Oddfridur Johnson. Lilja is dead.

JOSEPHINE LILLIAN HALLDORSON, daughter of Johann and Kristin Halldorson, now Mrs. A. Gretzinger.

FELIX SIGURDSON, son of Sigfus and Sigurlaug Sigurdson, now principal of Lundar School.

ELINBORG BRYNJOLFSON, adopted daughter of Agust and Ragnheidur Magnusson. Married Bergsveinn Eiriksson.

GRACE and HELGA REYKDAL, daughters of Paul and Kristin Reykdal. Grace married Paul Carl Thorsteinson. Helga married Freeman Skaptason.

VILBORG and OLAFIA BRECK-

- MAN, daughters of Kristjan and Gudrun Breckman. Vilborg is still teaching. Olafia married Arnold Erlendson.
- GUDNY JONASSON, daughter of Olafur and Sigridur Jonasson, now Mrs. Siebel.
- AURORA HURDAL, daughter of Bjorn and Sigridur Hurdal, now Mrs. Johnson.
- ANNA INGIBJORG GUDMUNDSON, daughter of Paul and Sigridur Gudmundson, now Mrs. John Thor-  
gilson.
- OLAFIA PAULSON, daughter of Hjortur and Kristin Paulson, now Mrs. George Florence.
- MARGARET, AGNES and NORMA PAULSON, daughters of Helgi and Helga Paulson. Margaret married Le Roy Robertson. Agnes married Paul Chamberlain. Norma married Skapti Steinson.
- SIGURBJORG JOHNSON, daughter of Isleifur nad Gudlaug Johnson, now dead.
- MARGRET, daughter of Stefan and Petrina Olafson, now Mrs. John Sigurdson Jr.
- OLOF SIGFUSSON, daughter of Skuli and Gudrun Sigfusson. Married Gerard McMahon.
- HALLDORA GUTTORMSON, daughter og Vigfus and Vilborg Guttormson. A music teacher. Married John McFarquhar.
- HELGA BERGMAN, daughter of Gudmundur and Jonina Bergman.
- LAURA LINDAL, daughter of John and Soffa Lindal. Married I. C. Lodge.
- FRIDRIKA GUTTORMSON, daughter of Vigfus and Vilborg Guttormson.
- MARGARET GUDRUN, daughter of Gudmundur and Jakobina Breckman.
- CHARLOTTE BRECKMAN, daughter of Kristjan and Gudrun Breckman. Married Dyson Carter.
- RAGNHILDUR SNIDAL, daughter of Nikulas and Ragnhildur Snidal, married Elmer Nelson.
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- KRISTJAN HALLDORSON, M.A.C. diploma.
- GUDMUNDUR JOHANN BRECKMAN, M.A.C. diploma.
- JOHN H. BJARNASON, M.A.C.
- GUDMUNDUR MAGNUSSON, fell in first Great War. M.A.C. diploma.
- STEINTHOR VIGFUSSON, now dead. M.A.C. diploma.
- SIGURDUR JON EIRIKSSON and GILBERT JOHNSON were both killed in the first Great War. They were university students at the time of enlistment.
- GUDMUNDUR MYRDAL, son of Gudni and Jonina Myrdal, attending University of Manitoba.
- THOMAS SIGFUSSON, son of Skuli and Gudrun Sigfusson, attending University of Manitoba.
- EMIL GUDMUNDSON, son of Bjorgvin and Rannveig Gudmundson, studying for the ministry at Meadville.
- ROSA and JONINA EIRIKSSON, daughters of Bergsveinn and Elinborg Eiriksson. Rosa is in training for a nurse. Jonina is attending university.

## NURSES

- THORA PALSON, daughter of Hjortur and Kristin Palsen. Married John Skully.
- HALLBERA JOHNSON, daughter of Sigurdur and Gudrun Johnson.
- NANNA KRISTJANSON, daughter of Rev. Albert and Anna Kristjanson. Married Leo Sigurdson.

the County Court at St. Laurent on practically all court days to interpret for someone making an application for naturalization or replying to a summons. All this was done without payment or fee of any kind.

The writer must say here that he never heard of a single case where any of the young men referred to above, charged or accepted anything for services connected with writing letters or reading correspondence or interpreting for settlers.

In Paul Reykdal's case, I do believe that he was the most socially minded of all the young people in the district and that he organized and instigated more community efforts in the early days than any other individual in the settlement. Dances, concerts, debates, picnics and such-like things, Paul was at them all and taking a leading part. By his deportment and demeanour he was always the good example. He just naturally seemed to take charge of the dance or the concert, took part in the debates invariably, and was the leading authority on all field sports at picnics in the summertime. He was, by the way, one of the fastest 100 yard men in the district. In 1908 when he was thirty years old he beat the Canadian champion sprinter in 100 yards at Oak Point.

Paul was forty years in the Lundar district and is now, twenty years after he has left it, its chief historian and best-known pioneer. He always had an amazing memory and had a facility in platform speaking given to only a very few. For instance, in April, 1946, Paul was invited to address a Board of Trade meeting on "The Fishing Industry in Manitoba, its Past, Present and Future". He delivered a most interesting and informative address which the president, in asking the writer about the background of the speaker, called one of the best talks that he had ever heard.

Some years ago the writer was in Ottawa and there happened to meet Arthur Meighen. In a short conversation Mr. Meighen enquired after Paul Reykdal. "I often think of Paul", he said.

It is the same with hundreds of people who have known Paul these last sixty years. They often think of him too.

Now, at seventy years of age, Paul is still full of the buoyant spirit, up and doing, tireless. For recreation he plays bridge, and what a player!



## EPILOGUE

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*In offering this booklet to the public, we realize that errors and omissions will be found. Since the bulk has been set down from memory, this is not surprising. Also where the information has been obtained from the children of the pioneers, that information is not always correct. No attempt has been made to bring the information up-to-date, as only the pioneers and their children are referred to, but it is something to fall back on should the present generation wish at a later date to continue the saga of the district. As the committee in charge have given their time free in preparing this booklet (as otherwise the price of the booklet would have been prohibitive) it was not considered possible to gather information, to bring it up-to-date, as in some cases there are now five generations since the district was first settled.*

*In many cases people that were expected to know have been lax in giving information that was needed and there omissions occur.*

*We are, however, hoping that this booklet will encourage other districts to write up their sagas while the old pioneers are still in existence, as they are the most likely to give the necessary information about the original settlers of their respective districts.*

P. R.

